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Foreign investors in big pull-out from South Africa

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Foreign investors are pulling their money out of South Africa at an increasing rate as the political situation worsens ad the value of the rand pulmmets.

The Reserve Bank disclosed yesterday in its annual economic report that there was a net outflow of long-term capital from the private sector of 317 million rands (£88.54 million) during the second quarter of the year. Most of that came from sales by non-residents of securities listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The bank said that during the first 10 months of the fiscal year from June 1984 to June 1985 foreign investors bought security sales totalled 261 million rands.

It said there were indications that net security sales wer even higher in July and market sources said yesterday that the figure was expeceted to top 400 million rands, the biggest ever net outflow. They said the rush to sell accelerated greatly after the siclamation of the selective state of emergency on July 20.

The rand was trading at 39 cents against the the US dollar on Friday, compared with a value of 78 cents a year ago. Before the state of emergency the rate was just over 52 cents, and it tumbled to an all-time low of 38.5 cents the morning after the abrasive speech ten days ago by President Botha to the Natal National Party Congress in Durban.

Against sterling it has fared equally badly. A pound was worth 3.54 rands on Friday compared with about 1.7 rands a year ago.

As the pressure on South Africa, political and economic intensifies, worried business leaders were reporting yesterday to be planning to send a mission to Lusaka in Zambia to talk to African National Congress officials.

Mr Botha is said to have given them his approval, although earlier this year he sternly opposed a similar trip that was being organized by some of his own backbench MPs.

Last week the head of one of the country's largest supermarket chains, Mr Raymond Ackerman, announced he was forming a committee of ten leading businessmen to tackle economic and political reform. He described Mr Botha's speech in Durban as a "big let down" and said he was determined to show blacks and foreign critics that business was "not part of the Government".

Business leaders are particularly concerned at reports that foreign banks are refusing to roll over short-term private sector loans. One banker said yesterday: "It would not be inaccurate to say that executives are running around like chickens without heads".

An official source estimated that South Africa's short term foreign loans totalled about $12 billion of the $19 billion outstanding. It also raises the spectre of South Africa being forced into the previously unthinkable option of having to ask for some rescheduling of its foreign debts repayments.

One observer said it was inconceivable that foreign banks would not roll over at least some loans, but a banker said alternative foreign funds might be available only at significantly higher interest rates. "You tell me who wants to borrow money at 45 per cent", he said.

Business sources said yesterday that the reticence of foreign banks about continuing a comfortale relationship with South Africa stemmed more from a hard-nosed assessment of the country's risk profile than the disinvestment campaign. They said the coming week will be crucial in persuading them that it is still a good risk.

But it is feared that the rand will take a further battering today following the arrests of 27 United Democratic Front activists on Friday night

The arrests came only hours after Dr Allan Boesak, UDF patron, announced that a mass march was to be staged on Wednesday to Pollsmoor Prison outside Cape Town where Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, is held.

He said this weekend that the march would go ahead despite a warning that the police would take "stern action".

EEC demand, page 5



Allan Border took what rest and shelter he could at Canterbury yesterday before re-entering the Test match *arena at the Oval on Thurs*day. The Australian captain, who needs to win the final Test to retain the Ashes, was fielding against Kent at the St Lawrence ground, where the famous lime offers a seat and shade inside the boundary.

England announced an unchanged team yesterday (page 14): Border and his co-selectors still have a few days in which to make up their minds. Yesterday, Richard Ellison, one of the *England squad, took two of* the three Australian wickets to fall. Border did not bat.

The lime has been a Kent cricket landmark since the county club moved to Canterbury in 1896. The ashes of deceased club members are occasionally scattered about its trunk. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Jet team check work on engine

By Colin Hughes and Robin Young

Aviation safety experts inquiring into the Boeing 737 fire at Manchester airport are investigating claims that previous problems with the aircrat's port engine were inadequately checked before its fatal attempted flight last Thursday.

Sources within British Airways say that pilots who flew Juliet Lima in the days before the disaster reported problems with the port engine, which exploded in the accident.

They say that engineers were told the port engine was sluggish in acceleration, gave fluctuating fuel flow readings, and shifting temperatures of air-gas mixtures. All are symptoms of problems with the engine's compressor blades and combustion chambers.

A British Airways Boeing 737 made an emergency landing at Heathrow airport, London, last night, after an engine failed.

Pratt and Whitney, makers of the JT8D-15 engine, believe that the engine explosion and fire was caused by a combustion chamber blow out, but the accident investigators remain cautious.

During the night before Juliet Lima taxied out to disaster, the plane was overhauled in a Manchester airport hangar in an attempt to trace the source of reported problems with the engine.

According to British Airways experts close to the inquiry, that overhaul did not include a complete stripping of the "hot section" module, which contains the combustion chambers. Engineers could have eliminated combustion chamber faults as a source of the problem only by taking the entire module to pieces. That would need more than a day's work.

The engineers minutely studied the compressor fan blades and other moving parts to check for signs of fracture. They used an optical instrument known as a boroscope, which can be operated without dismantling the module.

Although the checks were carried out by British Airways engineers, the responsibility for deciding to go ahead with a flight would have lain with the operators, British Airtours, a subsidiary of British Airways. Airtours' headquarters are at Gatwick, and the British Airways engineers at Manchester are, in effect, an outstation.

Pilots throughout the industry agree that the current pressure from any of the holiday package operators to keep planes in the air during *peak periods are intense.*

Accident Investigation Branch (AIB) inspectors have been told that a British Airtours captain made a brief entry in Juliet Lima's technical log on the port engine problems, while writing a separate, unlogged

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Secretary held in Bonn spy scandal

From Our Correspondent Bonn

The Bonn spy scandal grew last night with the arrest of a secretary in the office of Herr Richard von Weizsäcker, the West German Federal President, on suspicion of spying for East Germany.

The Federal Public Prosecutor's Office in Karlaruhe said the unnamed woman was arrested early yesterday.

The arrest follows the defection last week of a senior counter-intelligence official to East Germany and the disappearance earlier this month of two other Bonn secretaries suspected of having been long-serving East German spies. One of the women was the chief secretary of Herr Martin Bangemann, West Germany's Economics Minister.

The head of the West German secret service is expected to be sacked his week in the wake of the defection of Herr Hans Joaching Tiedge, the counter – intelligence official.

Herr Heribert Hellanbroich, Chief of the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BNd), Germany's MI5, for fewer than four weeks, was in charge of Herr Tiedge until last month and knew he was a high-security risk.

Herr Hellenbroich admitted yesterday he had been warned by his deputy three times that Herr Tiedge, aged 48, a widower with three teenage daughters, had serious drink and debt problems. "But removing a man of his rank *from his job would have made* him an even greater security risk", he said.

"I will not offer my resignation because I do not see that I have done anything wrong," he added.

Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Interior Minister, yesterday announced the reorganization of the counter intelligence service. In a newspaper interview to be published today he said the defection of Herr Tiedge would have serious political consequences and badly disrupt intelligence work.

Herr Tiedge was in command of operations against East German spies in the Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Cologne, where he had worked for 19 years.

Officials in Bonn fear that if he divulges all this information to the East Germans it could compromise West German counter-intelligence activities for several years. However, Herr Zimmermann, who broke off a Mediterranean holiday because of the affair, said there were "no grounds for panic".

Herr Zimmermann met security chiefs at the weekend to discuss "damage control" measures. West German agents in Eastern Europe were warned about Herr Tiedge's disappearance before the announcement that he had asked for political asylum in East Berlin.

Falklands garrison cuts considered

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence is assessing ways of reducing the size of the British garrison on the Falkland Islands.

The studies are believed to be at an early stage and have not gone to the chiefs of staff, but they are likely to be put to ministers this autumn.

The size of the garrison was settled down at about 4,500, after the 1982 conflict, although it rose to more than 6,000 when many Royal Engineers soldiers were doing construction work.

The numbers are believed now to be about 3,500. After the opening of the £300 million Mount Pleasant airfield west of Port Stanley, about half a dozen Harrier jump-jet aircraft were withdrawn, and the number of patrolling frigates or destroyers reduced from three to two.

The Ministry of Defence studies are to assess how large the garrison will need to be once that building is complete.

Several options are being examined, but they appear to fall into two categories. The first is whether it will be necessary to retain a broad capability, including a battalion of infantry, able to contain any foreseeable attack and to protect civil and military installations. Such a strategy would point to a *long-term garrison of about* 2,500 to 2,800.

That seems the most likely choice, but a more radical one would be to conclude that a renewed Argentine attack was so unlikely that it would be enough to retain only the capacity to defend the airport, and to rely almost entirely on being able to get reinforcements out from Britain and Ascension Island if an attack ever threatened. It is thought this approach would require between 600 and 1,000 servicemen.

The services regard further Argentine hostilities as improbable, and would welcome a reduction of their commitment in the South Atlantic because they feel they are badly overstretched.

However, it is known that the Prime Minister was reluctant to permit the withdrawal of a frigate from the Falklands last winter, and it seems likely that the Government will adopt a cautious approach.

It's cold, it's wet, it's bank holiday

By Alan Hamilton

St Swithun's 40 days of damp revenge should have ended on Saturday night, but the seemingly unceasing summer rain continued to make martyrs of British bank holiday makers yesterday.

For much of the day London and the south-east enjoyed an uncharacteristically long spell of sunshine, although the temperature of 19°C recorded at the London Weather Centre was at least 2°C below the expected average for the time of year.

But those gamblers who wagered with William Hill, the bookmakers, on rain falling on London every day in August still appear to be on a winner. A light afternoon shower dampened the London Weather Centre roof before more rain spread in from the north later in the day.

Most of the rest of the country, however, endured the typical pattern of showers or longer outbreaks of rain, with particularly heavy falls in the South-west and along the south coast.

The motoring organizations reported unusually light Bank holiday traffic, with most families apparently already engaged on a typically British summer holiday, or else not daring to venture far from their homes.

Most regular bottlnecks were free from delays, and the only reported big holdups were on the two principal escape routes from Britain, the M4 spur into Heathrow airport and the A2 Jubilee Way into Dover. The Royal Autombile Club has advised holiday makers to stagger the departure times of their homeward journeys today, in case the entire disgruntled *population attempts to abandon* the seaside at once.

Today's weather prospects are in fact more encouraging than of late. The London Weather Centre yesterday forecast a generally dry and sunny day for most of the country, except for some showers in eastern counties.

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Kampala ousts coup Prime Minister

From Richard Dowden, Kampala

Mr Paulo Muwanga, the veteran Ugandan politician who has served in every administration since independence, was yesterday sacked as Prime Minister only three weeks after taking office. He is to be replaced by Mr Abraham Waligo, Minister of Finance.

The dismissal may be intended as a gesture to the National Resistance Army, the *rebel group whose leaders will* meet a Government delegation in Nairobi today. Last night NRA sources said, however, that it was of no major significance.

The Ugandan delegation, led by Brigadier Zedi Mazuru and including the Foreign Minister, Mr Olara Otunno, and Major Eric Odua, was due in Nairobi last night.

They are hoping to persuade Mr Yoweri Museveni, the NRA leader, to lay down the guns and join the new administration, but Mr Museveni is still insisting that he meets the delegation as a representative of the Uganda Army rather than of the Government of Uganda. He is also demanding more than half of the seats on the ruling Military Council.

To emphasize his demands, NRA fighters attacked Uganda Army units north of Kampala on Friday and were reported at the weekend to be moving towards the capital.

Mr Waligo's is an apolitical appointment. An engineer, he was appointed Minister of Works in 1980 and then Minister of Housing and Urban Development, a post he held until the July 27 coup which overthrew President Obote. He is an open, unpretentious, able technocrat who has won the *hearts of Kampala people* by spurning his official Mercedes and driving himself to work in a green Volkswagen.

The fall of Mr Muwanga, Vice President and Minister of Defence in the Obote Government, represents the final disappearance of its major figures. It is widely believed that he, more than anyone else, was responsible for the regime's character.

After the coup, the Democratic Party, the country's largest, was dismayed to find him calling on politicians on behalf of the new military rulers to try to put together a government.

He had been close to Lieutenant General Tito Okello, the head of state, but relations between the coup leader, Brigadier Basilio Okello, have been strained. An overbearing but shrewd politician, he was widely feared.

BR braces itself for more disruption today

By Donald MacIntyre, Labour Editor

British Rail braced itself last night for disruption on the Eastern Region today as soundings round the country continued to suggest that most of its 11,000 guards have voted for industrial action over the proposed one-man operation of trains.

The management said that up to a fifth of Bank holiday Inter-City services between King's Cross, London, and eastern Scotland could be cut because of a planned strike by 150 Doncaster-based guards in protest at the dismissal of 32 guards at Immingham last week. About half the services between Doncaster and Leeds, Hull and Sheffield could also be affected.

One train to Aberdeen and another to Edinburgh were cancelled last night and earlier in the day, a week-long overtime ban by King's Cross guards affected Inter-City routes for the first time when a service to Newcastle upon Tyne was cancelled.

Mr Wilf Proudfoot, the Doncaster divisional officer for the National Union of Railwaymen, said last night that he expected some drivers to walk out in support of the guards at Doncaster, but the extent of the strike, which was called before last Friday's ballot was brought forward by a week, would not be known until today.

Although the result will not be known until Wednesday when the envelopes containing the ballot papers are opened and counted in the presence of officials from the Electoral Reform Society, NUR leaders

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Lange ready to relent

New Zealand has taken the first steps towards a compromise on its nuclear warships ban, which has strained relations with Washington and all but ended its role in the Anzus alliance with Washington and Canberra. (Richard Long writes from Wellington.)

But while the movement will ease the task of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Geoffrey Palmer, who is to have talks on the issue in Washington next month with the secretary of state Mr George Shultz, it is likely to bring trouble at the New Zealand Labour Party's annual conference next weekend. Party activists not only want the strong line maintained, but want to see New Zealand take the next step, complete withdrawal from Anzus and a policy of neutrality.

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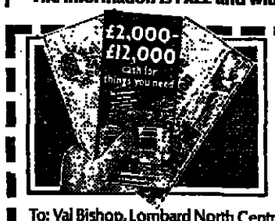
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Reagan acted as informer for FBI

From Michael Binyon Washington

President Reagan was once an informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, keeping track of fellow actors in Hollywood suspected of being Communists, according to documents just released.

The aspiring politician, then president of the Screen Actors Guild, kept the FBI Informed about pro-Communist influences in the guild and other Hollywood organizations. Mr Reagan and his first wife, Jayne Wyman, handed over the names of actors they believed were members of a clique with a pro-Communist line.

The records showing this were obtained by a California newspaper under a freedom-of-information request. A White House spokesman said FBI officials told him that Mr Reagan's involvement with the bureau was "very minor", little more than those people who had been contacted by the House un-American activities committee, the inquisitorial body that exercised such power in Senator McCarthy's day.



Reagan and Jane Wyman in their Hollywood days.

Mr Reagan, however, disagreed with the tactics of the committee in trying to rid the *film industry of Communists.* In one interview withe FBI, the documents show, he asked an agent: "Do they expect us to constitute ourselves as a little FBI of our own and determine just who is a Commie and who isn't?"

The first record of an FBI Agent interviewing Mr Reagan was on November 18, 1943, in connection with the bureau's investigation of an unidentified German sympathizer. Mr Reagan, then 32, was assigned to the Army Air Corps' film unit at Camp Roach, in *California.*

The next recorded interview with the FBI was in 1947, in connection with its investigation of one of the Hollywood committees from which Mr Reagan resigned when he thought they were controlled by *Communists. The FBI Report* said he and nine other members from which Mr Reagan resigned when he thought they were controlled by Communists. The FBI report said he and nine other members had tried to create an issue to justify their resignations, putting forward a resolution condemning Communism as well as Fascism. When this was defeated, Mr Reagan resigned by telegram the same night.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported yesterday that the FBI has calculated that at least 12,000 invalid or inaccurate reports on suspects wanted for arrest are sent each day to US law-enforcement agencies.

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International chess honour for 'Times' man

In a full session yesterday of the qualification commission of Fide, the world chess federation, the title of international grandmaster was conferred on *The Times* chess correspondent, Mr Harry Golombek, OBE.

A special tribute was paid to Mr Golombek by Mr Florencio Campomanes, the president of the world chess federation.

He mentioned Mr Golombek's lifetime of dedication to chess and his world-wide service to chess literature and popularisation.

At the same session the title of international master was awarded to two young British players, Mr Keith Arkell and Mr David Norwood.

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Crop survey: Fields heavy with late, poor, rain-sodden grains

Harvest likely to be 15% below last year's – if the weather improves

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

This year's harvest is likely to be at least 15 per cent down on last year's, even if the weather improves in the next few weeks, the second of this year's crop surveys compiled by *The Times* suggests.

Should the wet weather continue, many fields could be a complete write-off, and the overall loss of production far more serious.

Nationally, the quality of wheat, barley and oilseed rape is 10-12 per cent below last year's assessment at the same stage. But the figures do not take into account the fact that crops which in a good year would have been cut several weeks ago are still in the fields, and have been flattened by heavy rain.

Farmers are faced with daunting fuel bills for drying their salvaged crops, and the prospect that they will not meet the quality requirements for intervention purchase. Planting of next season's crops will be badly delayed, and there could even be a shortage of seed.

From the north of Scotland to Cornwall, reports from correspondents present a picture of almost unrelieved gloom. The quiet satisfaction that may be felt in Whitehall and Brussels at the prospect of some diminution in the grain surpluses will not find any welcoming echo among individual growers faced with severe financial difficulties.

"The wettest harvest I have experienced", a reader in Kent writes. "My combines stopped on July 27 and did not start again until August 13."

"The worst wet weather I can remember", a North Wales farmer comments. "What can I say with a disaster staring me in the face?" a Scottish colleague asks.

"With lower yields, quality and prices, it is possible to forecast a drop of at least £50 an acre", a Suffolk grower suggests.

Wheat appears to have been the most susceptible to "lodging" or flattening, probably because it has a naturally straighter, less flexible stem than barley. Patches of lodging are commonplace in most years, but this time whole fields have gone down, with only isolated tufts left standing.

"A sorry-looking crop, very storm-battered", a Suffolk farmer reports. "Twenty per cent badly laid and rotting on sodden ground; eyespot rife and some fusarium", a Cambridgeshire man observes, adding, as do many others, that some varieties seem to have withstood the weather notably more successfully than others.

From the normally prolific Lincolnshire grain country comes a comment that only a prolonged dry period will make it possible to harvest what will in any case be a low-quality crop. A Norfolk grower reports that most of his crop is still standing but is in imminent danger of sprouting.

Away from the main arable areas it is much the same story: "mould on the ears" in Devon; "laid flat" in Gloucestershire, "deteriorating rapidly" in Worcestershire and Humberside. Interestingly, a Wiltshire grower says that his organically grown crops have stood up better than "conventional" ones, and he suggests that many farmers have been lulled by two dry summers into applying too much fertilizer.

Barley presents a more mixed picture. Some farmers who have managed to harvest their crops report that yields are better than expected, but a correspondent in Gloucestershire says that his still-uncut winter barley is looking worse and worse. The Wiltshire man who states that his spring barley may prove to be the crop of the year is an exception; others report almost total disaster.

Experience with oilseed rape this year seems certain to make farmers think again about its attraction as a profitable break crop. A reader in Cornwall estimates that he will be lucky to get half a tonne an acre, and says that many fields will not be worth combining.

Some farmers report that potatoes are looking well but are discouraged by low prices for early crops. Blight appears to be widespread: "More than I have ever seen", a Lancashire grower laments. "Preventive sprays seem useless."

A Norfolk man describes his vining peas as probably the best crop of the year, but a Lincolnshire grower has had to plough in most of his. Root vegetables generally appear to be doing reasonably well, and a Wiltshire farmer reports that his first-time experimental lupin crop is flowering and podding well.

Grass has, of course, grown exceptionally well in the wet conditions, but in many areas has been almost impossible to cut. Hence paradoxically, while grazing has been lush, there are likely to be serious shortages of hay and silage in the coming winter.

But it is the grain farmers, who have prospered most in recent years, who now appear to be facing the biggest setback. A Cambridgeshire reader suggests that many will find it difficult to get moisture levels down to intervention standards, and a correspondent in the Vale of York observes wrily that bank managers are attending local National Farmers' Union meetings more frequently.

In the tables a rating of 100 represents healthy conditions, full growth and freedom from injury. Key: W (wheat), B (barley), O (oilseed rape), P (potatoes), S (sugar beet) and G (grass).

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Division 1	W	B	O	P	S	G
Bedford	85	81	85	86	85	90
Cambridge	84	84	90	93	92	96
Essex	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hertford	88	93	95	95	–	92
Humberside	84	89	90	88	90	95
Lincolnshire	71	81	85	85	88	91
Norfolk	85	89	88	93	91	95
Suffolk	81	81	78	92	87	89
Averages	83	85	87	90	89	93

Division 2						
Berkshire	93	89	92	94	–	99
Buckingh'shire	76	70	63	–	–	96
Hampshire	74	76	70	88	–	95
Kent	87	89	88	102	–	100
Leicester	82	83	91	85	96	94
North'pt'shire	73	74	81	94	95	98
Nott'h'mshire	80	90	75	95	85	96
Oxford	85	87	88	100	–	97
Surrey	78	74	70	77	80	99
Sussex	80	81	75	78	–	93
Warwick	88	93	93	98	–	105
Averages	81	82	81	92	89	96

Division 3						
Cornwall	85	70	50	90	–	90
Devon	87	89	95	82	–	92
Dorset	83	84	72	90	–	87
Gloucester	79	77	78	93	–	98
Hereford & Worc	87	86	85	88	92	93
Salop	85	82	80	90	89	90
Somerset	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wiltshire	70	79	84	95	–	97
Averages	82	81	78	90	91	92

Division 4						
Cheshire	89	89	87	88	–	88
Cumbria	88	84	86	91	–	95
Derbyshire	82	75	73	83	–	90
Durham	89	85	85	94	–	93
Lancashire	85	80	80	80	90	95
Northumberland	86	92	86	–	–	98
Staffordshire	84	89	83	89	88	92
Yorkshire	71	83	78	89	89	93
Averages	84	85	82	88	89	93
England	83	83	82	90	90	94

Wales						
Dyfed	95	96	–	86	–	100
Gwent	79	79	–	86	–	–
Gwynedd	80	80	–	95	–	95
Mid Glamorgan	90	85	90	75	–	–
Powys	70	75	–	–	–	80
South Glamorgan	80	75	90	85	–	90
Averages	82	82	90	87	–	91
Great Britain	82	83	82	89	90	93

Scotland	W	B	O	P	S	G
Borders	80	90	80	80	–	100
Dumfries & Galloway	–	95	90	95	–	–
Highland	–	95	80	98	–	99
Lothian	49	70	35	78	–	95
Strathclyde	61	90	75	94	–	92
Tayside	80	83	78	77	–	83
Averages	68	87	73	87	–	93



Mrs Nicky Thompson displaying the contrast in the grapes she and her husband Nigel will be harvesting at their Stichcombe Vinyard, near Marlborough, in Wiltshire. The dismal summer is expected to cut their production by half and the harvest will be a month late.

The larger, nearly normal, grapes have been growing in expensive polytunnels, plastic sheeting that covers four rows of grapes on the five-and-a-half-acre vinyard.

Mr and Mrs Thompson are hoping for a sunny September to ripen the grapes not grown under cover, with the delayed harvest likely to be in November when there will be the added risk of frost

(Photograph: Richard Wintle).

Five Ulster 'criminals' beaten or shot by IRA

From Tim Jones
Belfast

Five men were recovering in hospital in Northern Ireland last night after being shot and beaten by Provisional IRA punishment squads.

Another man, Mr Peter Begley, the father of seven children, was also in hospital after accidentally detonating a bomb placed by the Irish National Liberation Army to kill members of the security forces.

In the Irish Republic, the police were guarding the hospital bedside of another man who was shot in the legs in a bar in Dundalk.

The blast that seriously injured Mr Bergley was the third terrorist "mistake" of the week. Earlier, the Provisional IRA had apologized for murdering Mr Daniel Mallon after mistaking him for a supplier of building materials to the security forces.

The other "mistake" was an ambush on Friday night, near Pomeroy, in which Mr Kieron Murray, aged 28, a farm labourer, died. The gunmen apparently mistook the car in which he was travelling for a similar one owned by a local police officer.

Mr Begley was injured when he went to warn his neighbour, Mr Francis McGuiness, at his home in Meigh, south Armagh, about a suspicious object, a beer keg, under a railway bridge near by. The beer keg, in fact, contained no explosives.

But Mr McGuinness had been kidnapped and held overnight across the border while the INLA members installed a bell push on his front door connected to a huge bomb. When Mr Begley pressed the bell push he caught the full force of the blast.

The INLA said that it had given a 12 hour warning about the beer keg left under the bridge and added that Mr Begley would not have been injured if the police had sealed off the area.

The police said the terrorists had shown a reckless disregard for life and would have been well aware that anyone calling at the house would have rung the doorbell.

Four of the men punished by the Provisional IRA were found in an alley in west Belfast after being shot in the legs by gunmen. Last week, the Provisionals had said they would take action against alleged criminals.

The fifth man was severely beaten with a crowbar, sledge-hammer and pick-axe handle by masked men who burst into his home at Downpatrick.

Speaking in Cork in the republic, on Saturday, Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that nationalists and unionists should "resist the efforts of the bombers and the murderers to destroy progress and sabotage the prospects of peace".

Asking his fellow nationalists to be the first to be generous to the unionist tradition, he added: "Whether the current Anglo-Irish negotiations succeed or fail, we must stretch out the hand of genuine respectful friendship to those who share Ireland with us and, even if it is disdained or rejected, we must keep it outstretched".

Nato's air defence in Atlantic to be reviewed

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

A study is to carried out for the Ministry of Defence this autumn of problems in the organization of Nato's air defences in the eastern Atlantic.

In war those defences would be very important for the protection of convoys crossing from the United States, and also because Russian air attacks against the United Kingdom and the Channel area might well come from the north to avoid the dense defences in Germany.

Captain Colin Cooke-Priest, Director of the Maritime Tactical School at Portsmouth, said yesterday that the study would begin at the end of next month, and would involve several Nato nations.

Among the problems are difficulties caused by overlapping command boundaries, and the need to have effective machinery for integrating air operations from aircraft carriers with those of land-based aircraft.

The study is likely to re-emphasize the importance of the use of airborne early warning aircraft to detect enemy activity.

Girl found dead in kitchen

A murder inquiry has been started after the discovery of the body of Tracey Humphreys, aged 16, in the kitchen of her home at Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire. Detectives who called to the house yesterday also found her mother, Mrs Jean Humphreys, and brother, Anthony, aged 15, severely injured.

The girl had been at home for the weekend and had been due to return to her live-in job at a riding stable 15 miles away today. A man was being questioned by the police last night.

Gurkhas face drug charges

Six members of the Gurkha Rifles are to appear before magistrates at Uxbridge, West London, today, one charged with smuggling heroin and the rest with smuggling cannabis.

The Gurkhas, from the Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Aldershot, Hampshire, were arrested at Heathrow Airport on Friday.

Marksman killed

Mr Adrian Edwards, aged 41, a marksman and schoolteacher of Sutherland Road, Ponders End, north London, shot himself dead accidentally with a .762 target rifle at the National Rifle Association's ranges at Bisley, Surrey, on Saturday.

Stabbing death

Clubgoers were being interviewed by police last night after a man aged 21 was stabbed to death early yesterday outside Tiffany's in Sheffield near the police headquarters.

The Times overseas selling prices
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BBC denies MI5 brief for assistant

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Alasdair Milne, director general of the BBC, last night denied that his chief assistant, Miss Margaret Douglas, received regular and secret briefs from MI5 on terrorism and subversion.

But in response to a report in *The Observer* yesterday, Mr Milne failed to say whether MI5 briefing took place at any level of the BBC.

The BBC press office said last night: "There is nothing we can say on this at this stage. Questions should be put to the appropriate government department."

The Observer report had said that Miss Douglas, who had "the unspoken but formal role of liaising with MI5", received the secret background briefs every three months.

It was alleged that the briefs outlined "the background to terrorist attacks in Britain, described changes in the leadership and policy of political groups, and traced the involvement of 'subversive' groups in industrial disputes and ad hoc campaigns." It was also claimed that MI5 officers held occasional meetings with Miss Douglas.

But in a letter to Mr Donald Trelford, editor of *The Observer*, Mr Milne said: "The feature on the front page of *The Observer* today contains allegations which, in addition to being untrue, are professionally damaging to Margaret Douglas.

"Miss Douglas is responsible for liaising with the political parties. She is not involved with MI5. She is not receiving information from them, nor does she attend meetings with them, nor ever has."

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said yesterday that the BBC was in danger of getting a reputation as another Radio Moscow.

In a letter urging the Prime Minister to make a statement on the substance of the latest allegations of BBC-MI5 links, he wrote: "If it is not true, will you deny it?

"If it is true, on what basis is highly classified information given to persons not in the service of her Majesty's Government

Mr Dalyell commented last night: "Unless she makes a statement soon, the whole reputation of the BBC is going to be dented for a long time

TV's press advertising for racists criticized

By Our Political Correspondent

The BBC has been condemned by Mr Enoch Powell for trying to recruit racists for a television programme by placing an anonymous advertisement in the Press.

Mr Edward Goldwyn, a senior producer in the BBC's science and features department, put two anonymous advertisements in the *Daily Telegraph* in June in an attempt to sound out the views of "private people" for an *Horizon* programme "examining grass roots attitudes to racism in Britain".

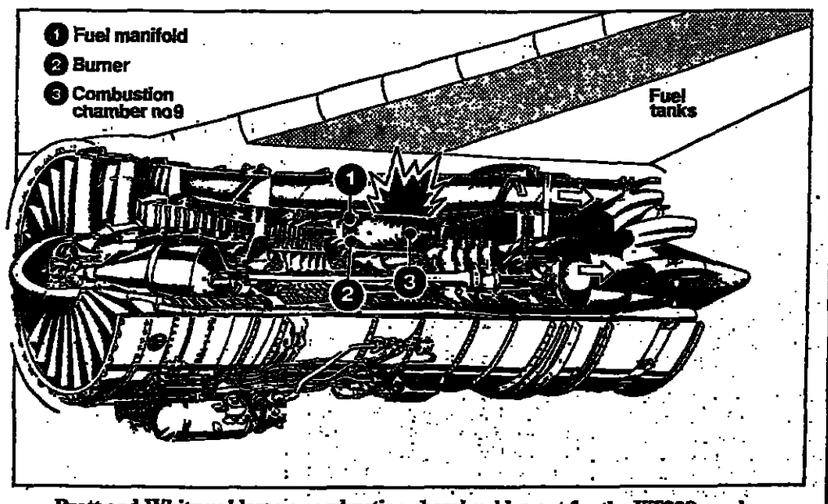
The first advertisement asked: "Are you a racist? Have you the courage to voice your opinions?" The second, published a week later, asked: "Have you ever been a victim of racism? Would you be able to speak about it?" In both cases, people were asked to write to a box number.

When the matter was raised with Mr Powell earlier this month, he wrote to Mr Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC, expressing his surprise and asking: "This cannot surely be a manner of proceeding, by way of anonymous trawl, of which the governors would approve?"

But he has been told by the BBC that it regards the purpose of the exercise as "serious and responsible", although it was accepted that the wording of one of the advertisements might not have reflected the "great care" demanded by the sensitivity of the issue.

Mr Powell was told: "It is not unusual, however, for documentary programmes to ask people through notices in the Press to relate their experiences as personal views."

The official Unionist MP for Down South told *The Times* that he felt the practice was sneaky and disgraceful. He said: "I am astonished that the BBC should attempt to defend it."



Pratt and Whitney blame a combustion chamber blowout for the KT328 crash.

737 engine work is checked

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note to the engineers describing them more fully.

Captain Peter Tarrington, who commanded the aircraft on flight KT328's aborted take-off on Thursday morning, would have seen the log, but he may not have had the advantage of a full account of the engine's recent history.

An AIB spokesman said it has heard reports concerning entries in the technical log about problems with the port engine. "The log has been impounded with all other internal documentation relating to the plane, and it is a matter that our inspectors will be investigating thoroughly. They will be taking statements from all those involved."

It is not uncommon for pilots to make limited log entries, sufficent to cover themselves, while giving more detailed accounts to ground staff.

Pratt and Whitney issued statements from its United States headquarters over the weekend, saying that early inspection of the Juliet Lima engine suggest no moving parts were at fault. The company assumed that combustion chamber number nine, which lies directly underneath the fuel supply line from the wing, had blown out, causing engine explosion and subsequent fuel fire.

British experts are not convinced.

Inspection doubts as 'safe' jet is grounded

By Robin Young

British Airways' engineers were embarrassed at the weekend when obliged to ground a Boeing 747 at Heathrow Airport after finding holes in a seal between the rudder and fin section during a routine check.

British Airways insisted the fault was nothing to do with the main fuselage and raised no question of metal fatigue. But its discovery came a day after a statement by the airline's director of engineering that the company's safety checks had cleared its 747s of faults in the wake of the Japanese air disaster 11 days ago in which 520 people died.

Mr Alistair Cummings, British Airways' director of engineering, said each of the company's 747s had had a four-hour inspection.

He claimed that the new checks had shown that the airline's aircraft were free of defects in the areas which had come under suspicion after the Japanese crash.

Some aviation safety experts are concerned, however, that four-hour visual inspections are insufficient.

This week's issue of *Flight International*, the avaiation industry's leading technical journal, argues that a Boeing 747 should be grounded and subjected to an in-depth structural examination. The magazine says fin failure could have been caused in a number of ways, and that all parts of the 747 tail structure should be specially re-inspected until possible causes for the Japanese disaster have been narrowed.

Japan Airlines admitted yesterday that it had flown a Boeing 747 jumbo on international routes for two days with a damaged door temporarily fixed with gummed tape.

On August 18, six days after JAL's Flight 123 crashed, a ramp hit a rear door of the JAL jumbo at Sydney, damaging a hinge. The aircraft left for Tokyo after 75 passengers sitting near the door had been moved to another plane.

After emergency work at Tokyo, the plane left the next day for Paris via Anchorage and Dusseldorf. On the flight to Anchorage the door's handle moved to the "open" position, activating a warning signal.

The Japanese transport ministry said on Saturday that cracks, damaged or loose bolts, and rusty parts had been found in 23 Japanese operated Boeing 747's. Fifteen damaged bolts had been found in the bulkhead section of seven 747s and in the vertical stablizers of two more.

● Mr Justice B. Kirpal, heading the inquiry into the Air India Boeing 747 crash which killed 329 people, believes the cause may be established only if the main structure is salvaged from the Irish Sea.

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Minister to visit TUC Congress

By Our Labour Editor

A Government minister is planning to attend the TUC Congress in Blackpool next week. Mr Peter Bottomley, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Department of Employment, is expected to attend the Congress as an observer for at least two days.

Visits by Conservative ministers to the TUC, although not unknown, have been rare throughout the Congress's 117-year-old history. The last to attend was Mr Jim Lester, who visited the TUC five years ago while a junior employment minister under Mr Jim Prior.

Mr Bottomley, sometimes seen as being at the politically "wet" end of the Government's political spectrum, is a member of the Transport and General Workers' Union

In spite of the frosty relations between senior union leaders and the Government throughout the past five years, there have been continued informal contacts, most recently between Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment and some individual union leaders.

Mr Bottomley, whose visit has Mr King's approval, has been particularly assiduous in maintaining contact with union officals since his appointment last autumn.

Britons share chess lead

After five rounds of the Lloyds Bank chess masters' tournament four British players are sharing first place with scores of 4½ points. The Grandmaster, Murray Chandler, who started the day with a perfect score of four wins, agreed a quick draw with black against Rory McKay, of Scotland.

He was joined in the lead by Britain's highest ranked player, Dr John Nunn, who won quickly against Hennigan.

Julian Hodgson, who defeated the Soviet Grandmaster G. Kuzmin in Saturday's fourth round, won against Ali Mortazavi, aged 14, and Peter Wells defeated the Indian player, V. Anand, aged 15.

The world number three, Alexander Beliavsky, of the Soviet Union, defeated the international master, William Watson, to lead the chasing group with four points, half a point behind the leaders.

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Maxwell plans betting shop edition of Sporting Life

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Editor

Plans to produce an emergency edition of the *Sporting Life* were announced yesterday by Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers, as both sides remained deadlocked in the dispute which has halted production of the company's newspapers in London for four days.

Mr Maxwell said the emergency edition, which would provide a full service of race cards, riding plans, betting forecasts and form and comment, would be distributed to betting shops and racecourses.

Mirror Group gave no hint of where it intended to produce the emergency editions. Mr Maxwell suspended publication in London of all the company's titles after losing 750,000 copies of *The Mirror* last Wednesday night because of industrial action in protest at his plans to transfer setting of the *Sporting Life* away from the group's production centre at Holborn Circus in central London.

National Graphical Association members at *The Mirror* have been resisting plans to switch setting of the paper to Oyez Press in Bermondsey, east London.

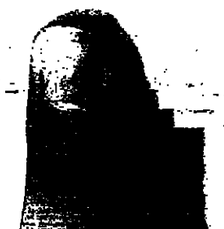
The company is owned by Hollis Brothers, in which Mr Maxwell's Pergamon Press has a 74 per cent holding.

Mr Maxwell said yesterday that the paper was an "unsuitable stablemate" for the rest of the newspapers because of its small, specialized circulation. "Having to share the production methods of the mass circulation titles means that it loses £3 million a year," he added. "That is £1 per week for each of its readers.

Mirror Group Newspapers is understood to have offered NGA compositors at Oyez Press an increase of up to £120 a week in average earnings to bring their minimum guaranteed earnings level to £475 a week, close to those enjoyed by their Fleet Street counterparts who now set the *Sporting Life*.

Mr Maxwell, who yesterday met National Union of Journalists' leaders to discuss the dispute, says that no NGA jobs will be lost because of the move.

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Relatives of boy aged five shot dead by police demand public inquiry

By Robin Young

Relatives of the boy aged five shot dead in bed during a dawn police raid on his home in Birmingham on Saturday yesterday demanded a full public inquiry.

The family's constituency MP, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Selly Oak), refused to support their claim, but said that he would wish to see the report which will be submitted by Mr Joe Mounsey, Assistant Chief Constable of Lancashire, who has been appointed to investigate.

Mr Mike Lewis, the uncle of John Shorthouse, the boy who died, said yesterday: "We want a public inquiry, not a police inquiry. A lot more things will come out that way."

Mr Lewis said that the shooting happened 10 minutes after the boy's father, also called John Shorthouse, had been taken from the flat by police without resisting. "The family are very, very bitter about the shooting", he said.

At a press conference on Saturday the Chief Constable of West Midlands, Mr Geoffrey Dear, expressed "deepest regret and sincere sympathy" to the Shorthouse family, and said that the inquiry by Mr Mounsey would "encompass any possible criminal and discipline issues".

The police officer who shot the boy has been suspended on full pay. His identity has not been disclosed by the force which claims that he fired his Smith & Wesson .357 revolver into a bundle of bedclothes while searching under a divan with his hand resting on top of the bed.

Mr John Shorthouse, aged 26, was arrested and taken with two other men to Llanelli police station where last night they were still being questioned by Dyfed-Powys police in connection with an armed robbery at the Old Moat House restaurant, Kidwelly, last Thursday night. During the robbery the owner, Mr Norman Aubrey, was threatened with a pump-action shotgun, bound and gagged, and £170 was stolen.

West Midlands police said that a firearm had been recovered in connection with the alleged robbery, but it is understood it was not found in the Shorthouses' flat.

Mr Beaumont-Dark said yesterday that he did not think the inquiry should be public because "the police are usually harsher on their own".

The Conservative MP added: "I have never known a police inquiry that has tried to hush things up, but if the report cannot be made public I think I should have a right to see it to allay any public fears, even though I do not believe that such fears are justified."

Mr Beaumont-Dark said that a lawyer representing the family should be allowed to attend the police inquiry and question witnesses.



John Shorthouse: shot dead by a police officer.

The Labour Party's home affairs spokesman, Mr Alf Dubs, said: "The time has come for a thorough review of the way police use guns. We will be pushing the Home Office hard to stop this dreadful sort of incident."

Mr Paul Leopold, Assistant Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said there had been no deliberate intention to fire the gun, but added: "The time you put your finger on the trigger is when you are going to fire the gun."

The Smith & Wesson .357 has no safety catch, but can be carried in two modes. Police marksmen would be trained to use the double action mode, meaning that the gun would have to be cocked before firing, rather than the positive mode in which the gun could be fired by a single pressure on the trigger.

Mr Peter Elliot, a firearms instructor and former member of Essex police tactical firearms unit, said yesterday that if an officer had conducted a search with his revolver hammer cocked that would be negligent. "I would not regard it as professional for a trained police officer", he said.

But he added: "That said, it is very easy to discharge a weapon unintentionally in reaction to something unexpected when the adrenalin is pumping."

Home Office guidelines issued on March 22 this year require that weapons are issued only to authorized and fully trained police officers under closely prescribed circumstances.

It is likely to be several weeks before Mr Mounsey's report is complete.

Companies 'not telling employees enough'

By Clifford Feltham

Many companies are flouting the law by not telling their workers enough about the business, according to the Institute of Directors.

A survey published today shows that only nine of a hundred company reports comply with the Employment Act, 1982, which lays down what employees must be told.

The institute is worried that further legislation may have to be introduced because so many companies are content to pay lip service to the Act.

The Act requires companies with more than 250 employees to provide imformation under four headings, including consulting employees about decisions likely to affect their livelihood and encouraging them to take part in staff share schemes.

According to the survey, only 9 per cent of companies questioned provided information under all headings, 33 per cent under three heading, 31 per cent under two and 27 per cent under one only, the minimum.

It singles out Blue Circle Industries as an example of how statements on employee involvement should be presented.

"The implications for businesses in this country are quite clear", the institute says. "A body of opinion in the United Kingdom and throughout the European Community is determined to introduce employee involvement by legislative means.

"The only effective way of demonstrating the error of this approach is to render it unnecessary by developing consultation and participation voluntarily.

The alternative is for companies to continue to ignore the warnings until it is too late and they are compelled to choose between a set of statutory systems of involvement, none of which may be suitable to their circumstances."



Sunday best, if the Sunday is children's day at Notting Hill Carnival, can be a colourful affair, as this youngster goes to prove.

More than half a million people are expected during the two days' Caribbean spectacular in west London, making it Europe's biggest street festival.

And a record 50 to 60 floats, steel bands, and the calypso beat from big sound systems on street corners were attempting to overcome one of the worst British summers.

This, the twentieth carnival, swung into action under the most sophisticated roving police "computer eye" yet used at the event.

Photograph: Suresh Karadia

Anglicans and Rome agree on key dispute over faith

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Anglican and Roman Catholic representatives will meet in the United States tomorrow to approve a solution to the key dispute of the Reformation, the doctrine of justification by faith alone.

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, set up by the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury, has agreed a statement which is expected to be published next year.

Some matters, regarded as secondary, are also understood to be on the agenda including the Roman Catholic practice of indulgences and of prayers and Masses for the dead.

A solution to the theological problem of justification is regarded by most Evangelical Anglicans as the one essential condition for Anglican-Roman Catholic church unity.

Once published, the agreed statement will have to be ratified

The commission is meeting at Garrison, New York state, under its two chairmen, the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev Mark Santer, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor.

Its international membership includes at least four Evangelical Anglicans, included so that the issue of justification should be handled in a way that would meet the Protestant position.

Details of the solution the commission is said to have found are not yet known, but it is likely to rely on a reinterpretation of the teaching of the sixteenth-century Council of Trent, which was called to repudiate the "errors" of Martin Luther and his followers.

Luther accused the Catholic Church of teaching "justification by good works," which arose from his protest at the sale of indulgencies.

The Council, according to recent scholarship, did not endorse justification by works.

Evangelical members of the commission, although satisfied with the terms of the statement on fundamental principles, are believed to have questioned how certain Catholic devotions such as prayers for the dead could be square with it.

Catholic experts have therefore produced further papers designed to show how these practices fit into a theology that excluded "works" or "merit" as a factor in salvation.

The basic agreement undoubtedly emphasizes that salvation is the work of God and not of man, "through grace alone," and was made possible for man by Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

£23m deal for casinos

Grand Metropolitan, the drinks and hotels group, is to pay about £23 million to give it complete control of the Mayfair casinos, the Ritz, and the Casanova.

The shares are being sold by the Pleasurama group, which operates 17 provincial casinos and five in London.

The Grand Metropolitan chairman, Mr Stanley Grinstead, who has four London casinos, has sought outright ownership of the Ritz and Casanova for some time.

Negotiations have been intensified since Pleasurama took over the casino operator Trident Television earlier this year for £120 million.

This made Pleasurama a rival to Grand Metropolitan, creating a conflict of interest in the continued joint ownership of the Ritz and Casanova.

Pressure on Tories to 'go green'

Tony Samstag

The Bow Group today intensifies its effort to "green" the Conservative Party with the publication in its quarterly magazine *Crossbow* of a contentious article rhetorically titled, "Environment – does the Prime Minister care?"

Last year, as the party prepared for its Brighton conference and its first debate on conservation issues, the right-wing ginger group published a 20-page leaflet warning of a heavy electoral penalty if the Conservatives continued to neglect the expanding conservationist vote. This year, Mr Tony Paterson, author of both pieces, sees signs of growing environmental awareness, but insists that progress has been "hampered by Cabinet intransigence".

Noting that 44 Conservative MPs signed an early-day motion last month calling, in vain, for the Government to join those nations committed to reducing sulphur dioxide emissions, the author claims that a greater sense of urgency on the backbenches is not reflected in the opinions of several ministers who remain unconvinced that there are many votes in environmental issues.

He adds that the electoral penalty forecast last year is falling due. The Liberal-SDP Alliance has won seats in areas where conservation is of local concern, most recently Brecon and Radnor, and "Dr David Owen, who knows how to trap the Tory vote, is now focusing on green issues".

Among them is the proposed building of new villages in the Green Belt, which, Mr Paterson says, would be electorally disastrous.

Crossbow (Bow Publications, 240 High Holborn, London WC1V 7DT, £1.25 inc p&p).

'Acid rain' test for Britain's beeches

The Forestry Commission has agreed to carry out a sample survey of beech trees to determine whether they have been affected by atmospheric pollution. (John Young writes).

The commission is anxious to avoid a war of words with Friends of the Earth, which claims that both deciduous and coniferous trees are showing similar symptoms to those afflicting forests on the Continent.

Friends of the Earth says the main culprit is so-called acid rain, the fall out from emissions of sulphur dioxide from factory and power station chimneys, and of nitrous oxide from vehicle exhausts.

The commission blames climatic factors, notably the drought of 1976, for any damage, particularly to shallow rooted trees.

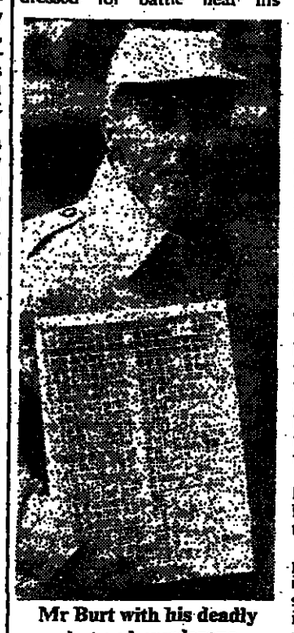
Croydon warrior's mosquito campaign

Mr Chris Burt's war against mosquitoes is ready to take flight.

The businessman from Croydon, south London, who says that he invented the world's first protable electronic flying insect control machines, has now designed a complete anti-insect outfit.

After suffering from recurring bouts of malaria since the war, Mr Burt was determined to find a solution to the nightmare facing all campers, fishermen and ramblers – being tormented by mosquitoes.

Yesterday, the inventor dressed for battle near his workshops, Trub Environmental Products, in west Croydon.



Mr Burt with his deadly hat and murderous machine.

The outfit included his latest invention, a leisure hat impregnated with an insect repellent to keep the face clear.

He then smeared his clothes (which must be made of a non-plastic material) with the non-toxic repellent from the jacket collar down to the canvas shoes.

"Remember to smear the cuffs of the trousers too to avoid ankle bites", Mr Burt said as he walked towards a swarm of midges in a park near-by.

Armed with two of his lightweight insect catchers, which can be plugged into any mains outlet, the man who has waged war against mosquitoes from Tehran to Norway, tested his outfit.

Not one insect landed on him.

The portable insect catchers, designed for gardens, greenhouses and caravans, and small enough to fit inside a briefcase, were developed four years ago and are exported to 39 countries.

Although diplomats in Africa, American fishermen and Swiss photographers on safari have praised his "master-executioner" mosquito machines, Mr Burt said that banks and investment companies in Britain refused to see the potential of his products. "It is the old story in Britain of bankers who are not prepared to take a gamble, so I am hunting for an American backer."

The impregnated hat, which he created three months ago, has aroused interest throughout the United States.

The former industrial photographer, who turned to inventing during a 12-month sabbatical, said a £100,000 investment would build his company into a worldwide market.

Bird watchers flock to see four rare visitors

Bird watchers from the Continent were in north Norfolk yesterday to join hundreds of British enthusiasts looking at four rare visitors on Blakeney and Cley marshes.

The main attraction was a little whimbrel, a small rusty brown curlew-like Siberian bird with a long, down-curved bill, rarely seen even on the coasts of the Pacific and whose nesting place somewhere in the Arctic has not yet been found.

It was the first time one of the waders, sometimes called the Eskimo Curlew, has been seen in Norfolk and probably only the second time one has visited Britain. The little whimbrel *(numenius borealis)*, an endangered species, usually migrates between Siberia and Japan.

It was while bird watchers were looking for another rarity, the greater sandplover, a heavily billed, pale grey-brown wader from the shores of the Black Sea, that they found the little whimbrel.

Also seen were two North American birds, the white rumped sandpiper and the pectoral sandpiper.

Mr Bernard Bishop, Norfolk Naturalist Trust warden, said: "The little whimbrel is completely lost and its chances of returning to east China are remote. This is true, too, of the greater sand plover."

So many bird watchers descended on the villages of Blakeney and Cley that they spent Saturday night sleeping in church porches, bus shelters, barns and on public house floors.

Private new town planned on chalk pits

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Thurrock council in Essex is likely to approve plans for a private mini new town of 5,000 houses on reclaimed chalk pits west of Grays, rather than a rival £450 million scheme covering 760 acres of green belt.

A planning application has been lodged with the council by Mr Owen Luder, a past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, for a development called Chafford Hundred.

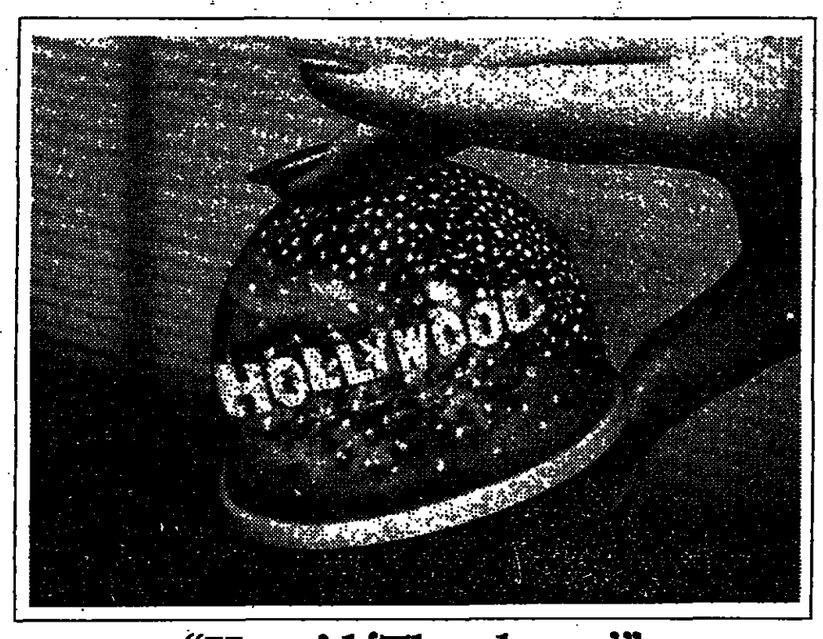
The joint developers are Blue Circle Developments, Tunnel Holdings and West Thurrock Estate, part of the Pearson Group. This site, Thurrock Chalkpians, is between Grays and the M25.

The council is expected to give outline planning permission by next spring.

The rival scheme for Tillingham Hall was launched by Consortium Developments, Britain's 10 biggest housebuilders, in May.

Chafford Hundred will cost about £35 million over 10 years and include schools, shops and recreational facilities.

"When my boss got back from Los Angeles, something special happened."



"He said, 'Thank you.'"

Not for nothing is my boss known as 'Old razor mouth'.

Two weeks ago he stuck his head 'round the corner and barked, "Dallas/Fort Worth. Chicago. San Francisco. Los Angeles. San Diego," like the headmistress reading the register.

Since he travels a lot I should have known better than to ask, "What about them?"

He handed me a list of dates. "I leave tomorrow." It was like being given The Times and told to solve the crossword in half an hour. Errors would be punished.

The travel agent was very helpful. She sorted out an itinerary within 15 minutes; I felt a bit more confident when I handed him the tickets. "All your flights are listed and your seats reserved. You're on American Airlines all the way. Just show up at Gatwick tomorrow. Your flight's at 10:35."

"Wonderful," he said, exactly the way you compliment a waiter who's brought you hamburger when what you've ordered is steak.

To be honest I'd never heard of American either, but I repeated what the travel agent told me. "They're one of the biggest airlines in the world. Over 100 destinations in North America. All your flights are at what should be convenient times for your meetings. They were booked on American Airlines computerised reservation system, SABRE. If you need to rearrange anything just phone American in the city you're in, and it will be done."

He looked at the 'American Airlines' on the ticket wallet and muttered, "Gatwick, indeed."

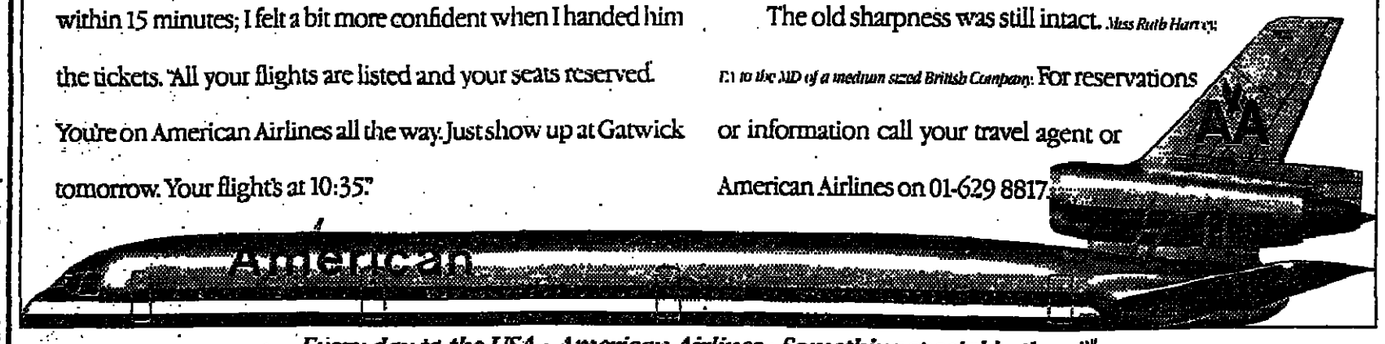
So you'll understand why I wasn't exactly looking forward to his majesty's triumphal return this morning after a night on the plane.

But surprise, surprise. He'd brought me a present. At least I think it was a present.

"Thank you for the....ummm....thing, sir. How was the trip?"

"Fine. We'll fly American again. Now if you don't mind, we have work to do."

The old sharpness was still intact. *Miss Ruth Harvey: PA to the MD of a medium sized British Company.* For reservations or information call your travel agent or American Airlines on 01-629 8817.



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Auto crime: 1

London heads world league with £26m car thefts

Auto crime is the largest single area of serious crime in Britain today with more than 2,200 offences committed every day. As the Home Office, police and the motor industry discuss new ways to combat the thieves *STEWART TENDLER*, Crime Reporter, in the first of two articles looks at the size of the problem.

The essential tools of the car thief can be simple. Operating on targets worth thousands of pounds, he may require nothing more sophisticated than a centre punch and hammer, pieces of plastic or a tow truck.

The investment for a thief's tool kit will however be richly repaid. Among the 250,000 vehicles stolen without trace in Britain in the past six years there are 2,440 Jaguars, 1,819 BMWs and 1,419 Mercedes.

A walk along the top storey of the discreet north London garage used by Scotland Yard's stolen car squad shows the thieves's catholic taste in luxury cars. In the present collection of cars recovered by the police are two Ferraris, two Porsches, a Rolls-Royce, a large Audi and a Mercedes. The cars together are estimated to be worth £250,000.

They represent the gilded pinnacle of a group of offences which last year made up 27 per cent of reported serious crime in London, now considered by some police as the auto crime capital of the world, and 23 per cent of all reported serious crime in England and Wales in 1983.

Auto crime splits into three categories. These are theft from motor vehicle, unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle and theft of a motor vehicle.

The full scale of "theft from a motor vehicle" remains unknown. The police estimate that only 10 per cent of all incidents where property is taken from a car is reported and the recent British crime survey tended to support that belief.

Official figures show that last year there were nearly 500,000 reported incidents in England, Scotland and Wales. The target may well be a radio and stereo unit, parcels and lugguge, which can be seen by someone prowling round the car.

The offence of "unauthorized taking" basically covers what is more popularly known as "joyriding". The miscreants are often teenagers bent of getting home, late at night, practising their driving skills or simply taking cars for brief excitement.

Many of the offences are committed on city streets where a large number of cars are left parked overnight. In London in the past five years the number of reported unauthorized taking and driving away offences has been running at an average of 52,000 a year.

The third area of auto crime is the area of greatest concern and greatest cost to the public and the authorities. If the average value of a stolen car was only £800, car thefts, in London alone would cost £26 million a year.

The thieves range from robbers in need of a getaway car, to small-scale dealers and the international rings which trade in luxury cars sought all over the world.

In the past few years rings have been uncovered moving luxury cars from the central London streets across to Europe and on to markets in the Middle East and Australia. Is some cases salesmen have been posted in London's large hotels on the lookout for possible customers among overseas visitors.

Within the domestic market one recent ring was credited with trading more than 100 stolen Minis and another sold dozens of stolen Ford Transit vans. Hire fleets have also fallen prey to the thieves. Earlier this year a gang was convicted at the Central Criminal Court of using stolen log books as part of a system of stealing 30 hired Fords in the North for sale in the Home Counties.

For the car thief operating on the streets entry to a car can be as simple as a centre punch hit against the side window, preferably a quarter light. With the glass shattered the thief slips a hand in and opens the lock.

Nowadays gangs no longer bother to disguise their cars by "cutting and shutting" which meant cutting two similar cars in half and creating two new cars from joining the halves. The thieves satisfy themselves with false papers, plates and chassis numbers.

The cars often reappear in classified advertisements in newspapers. The number to ring is often obtainable only between six and eight in the evening: which means a call box. The vendor always brings the car round to the potential buyer.

Once the deal is struck the salesman disappears, leaving the new owner with a car which months later turns out to be stolen.

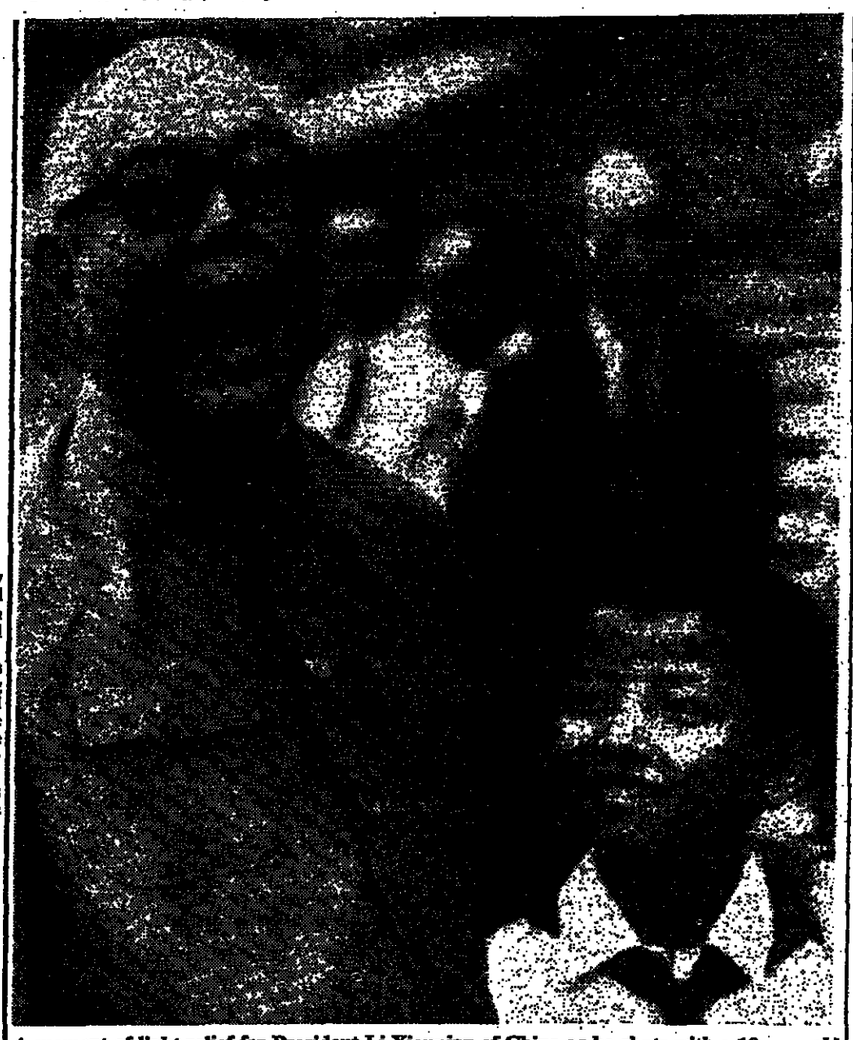
Tomorrow: Design against crime.

CAR CRIMES RECORDED 1980-83: England and Wales

	Theft or unauthorised taking of vehicle	Theft from vehicle
1980	324,354	298,948
1981	332,590	379,948
1982	351,230	449,037
1983	325,699	424,238
Offences cleared up in 1983	85,715	105,422

Luxury vehicles missing in UK 1980-July 1985

Aston Martin	24	Jensen	113
Bentley	22	Lotus	164
BMW	1,819	Mercedes	1,419
Bristol	5	Porsche	247
Ferrari	19	Range Rover	273
Jaguar	2,440	Rolls-Royce	107



A moment of light relief for President Li Xiannian of China as he chats with a 10-year-old boy at a Peking banquet to welcome President Agatha Barbara of Malta.

Kremlin keeps its propaganda edge despite spy dust furore

After a week in which tensions between the two superpowers have sharpened, Richard Owen, Moscow Correspondent, looks at the impact of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's leadership on the Soviet Union's approach to foreign affairs.

"This will not be a real summit", one veteran Soviet observer of East-West affairs said disparagingly the other day, referring to the Reagan-Gorbachov encounter in Geneva in November. "Previous summits were well prepared, and agreements were signed. This is just a meeting.

His remarks were made before the superpower atmosphere worsened with the row over Washington's allegations that the KGB had used a harmful powder, of "spydust", to track the movements of Americans in Moscow.

Together with Soviet anger over forthcoming American tests of anti-satellite weapons, the spydust furore underlines the Kremlin's public view that not much more than a "get acquainted" session can be expected, especially in view of the age difference – with Russia putting forward the younger leader for a change.

"Even though the KGB uses unscrupulous methods and Russian's arms programme is menacing, Gorbachov still seems to have the propaganda edge", one diplomat said. "If the spydust charge was meant to rob him of that edge it may have backfired."

But as Soviet officials return to their desks after the summer break, there are signs that the Russians do want agreement at the summit, despite the war of words. The meeting is the highlight of a busy autumn agenda.

It also includes Mr Gorbachov's visit to Paris in early October, his first trip to the West as leader, and the second encounter between Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. The two foreign ministers will meet at the General Assembly of the United Nations in September.

There were mixed results when they met in Helsinki at the beginning of this month, with Mr Shevardnadze's hesitant debut making as much impact as his broad Georgian smile. Western diplomats in Moscow have given a warning that that smile disguises a Kremlin line as hard as that taken for three decades by the dour Mr Andrei Gromyko.

Mr Gorbachov's new diplomatic team symbolizes his attempt to root out the "Brezhnev generation" of conservative bureaucrats and to replace them with younger, educated men likely to present a more human face to the world.

GORBACHOV'S RUSSIA Part 1



More changes in the diplomatic, political and military structures are pending as the Gorbachov era gets into its stride, with crucial Central Committee and Supreme Soviet sessions at home as well as summitry abroad.

There may be a senior role for Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the former Soviet Ambassador in Washington, as part of the Kremlin's propaganda effort in the run-up to November. Already the Russians feel they have scored a point by declaring a five-month moratorium on nuclear testing, and they pour scorn on Washington's argument that Russia can afford to stop testing because its weapons programme is more advanced.

As the Geneva arms negotiations prepare to resume with a third round next month, hints that Moscow just might be willing to be flexible on Star Wars research (as opposed to development and testing) do the Kremlin's public image no harm at all.

Soviet officials say that if the arms talks prove fruitless, the summit, the first since 1979, will provide the disarmament process with fresh impetus, with Mr Gorbachov appearing moderate and reasonable and able to argue that an ageing and possibly unfit Mr Reagan is being obstructive and intransigent.

Recent changes in the military, including new commanders of the strategic rocket forces and of the army political directorate, give Mr Gorbachov his own links with the armed forces at a time when arms control issues are coming to a head.

However, he may come into conflict with his military commanders, on an issue which has both foreign and domestic ramifications: Afghanistan.

As the war drags on into its seventh year Soviet television is beginning to show film of some of the realities of life for the estimated 115,000 Russian troops fighting the Afghan *dushmani* (bandits).

Though some of the combat scenes look staged, and this scarcely amounts to taking the war into Soviet living rooms along the lines of the Vietnam war, the new media campaign reflects the Kremlin's anxieties as the fighting goes on with no military solution in sight, and lends strength to reports that Mr Gorbachov – perhaps nettled by the armed forces' failure to achieve victory – might be willing to talk to Mr Reagan about a diplomatic and political settlement.

Tomorrow: Domestic shake-up

Gandhi facing huge security problem at Punjab poll

From Richard Ford, Delhi

The plaudits had hardly stopped ringing in his ears when Mr Rajiv Gandhi's grand design for settling the crisis in Punjab came under serious threat.

He had asked that there be no special celebrations to mark his 41st birthday, but the terrorists who last week assassinated Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the moderate Sikh leader, made sure it was a day he would remember.

Even if the Indian Prime Minister was taken by surprise at the speed with which Longowal's opponents struck, he clearly knew the risk the leader of the Akali Dal had taken in reaching a settlement with Delhi four weeks before he was killed.

It is said in Delhi that after the signing, Mr Gandhi took off his bullet-proof vest and handed it to the sant with the remark that he now needed it more.

The Prime Minister could not have been suprised at the incompetence of the security forces detailed to guard the Sikh leader who was, after the President and Mr Gandhi, the most-guarded public figure in the country.

A few weeks ago, in an address to police cadets, the Prime Minister revealed that some of his own security staff were not using the radio sets given them.

But the Government has decided to go ahead with elections in Punjab on September 25, arguing that to postpone them would be seen as a triumph for terrorism and a weakness on the part of the Prime Minister and his administration.

Next month's elections to the Punjab state assembly and Lok Sabha (the lower house in the central parliament) will take place in an atmosphere of fear, and the security forces will have a huge task protecting several hundred candidates and the politicians from Delhi who are certain to campaign in the state.

The death of Longowal has caused a leadership crisis on the Akali Dal, which, although likely to take part in the elections, is involved in a factional battle.

Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, a Longowal confident, was named temporary party head after the murder, but leading figures, meeting in Chandigarh on Saturday, were unable to agree on an interim successor.

● **Gandhi suspicions:** The Prime Minister has said he suspects Sikh extremists abroad were behind the assassination of Longowal (AP reports).

"It is not just the people who are immediately responsible for the assassination but those who are really behind them," he said in an interview published yesterday. "And here we have suspicions about their linkages with Sikhs in other countries."

● **MADRAS:** Protests flared here yesterday over India's deportation of three senior Sri Lankan Tamil separatist leaders (Reuter reports). They were named as Anton Balasingham, Chelvanayagam Chandrahasan and N. Satyendra.

About 15,000 people marched to a meeting in the business centre of Madras, capital of Tamil Nadu state, to listen to speeches warning Mr Gandhi of large-scale unrest if the deportation orders were not revoked.

Hundreds of policemen guarded the route of the march. Rush-hour traffic came to a halt and armed police watched as the crowd shouted such slogans as "Down with Rajiv Gandhi", "Down with Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene", and "Down with the betrayers of Tamil Eelam."

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Reagan sets out goals for summit

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan, literally back in the saddle at his California ranch, said at the weekend he hoped to show Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, that the United States had no hostile intentions towards Moscow.

In outlining his goals for the summit in November, however, Mr Reagan played down the likelihood that any important agreements would be signed. He said he hoped the meeting would ease tensions, but he was uncertain of the Russians' intentions.

"There's no qustion that the Soviet Union has made it plain that they embarked on an expasionist programme. They believe in the onw-world communist state, the world of revolution.

Wondering whether this expansionism was prompted by Soviet suspicion of the rest of the world, the President thought he could present evidence to show the Russians "that we have no such intentions".

Mr Reagan made his remarks in a radio interview during his 23-day holiday. On Saturday he had his first horsebackride since his cancer operation last month. He arrived for his weekly radio address in boots, western shirt and riding breeches.

"Americans like cowboys, and that is the way many people think of the President," one of his advisers said. "Riding a horse is a sign that he's really back and that he's well again.

Pravda condemns UK war games

From Richard Owen, Moscow

With the superpower atmosphere already strained by Washington's "KGB spydust" allegations, *Pravda* launched fresh attacks on the West at the weekend, including strong condemnation of Britain as well as the United States.

But the arrival in Moscow of Mr John Block, the American Agriculture Secretary, on a goodwill visit yesterday was seen as a sign that the Russians want to do business despite the anti-American rhetoric.

Mr Block, repaying a visit to the United States last year by Mr Valentin Mesyats, his Soviet counterpart, will not sign any new agreements but will discuss Soviet purchases of American grain in the light of Russia's seventh poor harvest in a row.

Condemning the forthcoming British military exercises, code-named Brave Defender, *Pravda* said they were part of an attempt by the US and Nato to "poison the atmosphere" between East and West and "make the world public believe in advance that no substantial progress toward improving the international situation is possible".

This is seen as a reference to the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in November, although the meeting was not mentioned directly. Allegations that the KGB has used a harmful powder to track Americans in Moscow have caused alarm among American mothers fearful for their families, but there is also considerable scepticism among Western residents in the absence of proof.

The attack on Brave Defender, which will simulate assaults by Soviet Spetsnaz commandos and assassination teams in civilian disguise, came in Saturday's *Pravda*. The paper said the exercise was part of America's policy of drawing the West European allies into a campaign to brainwash the Western public into believing "anti-Soviet stereotypes". It did not deny that the Spetsnaz assassination and sabotage teams exist.

Pravda also gave details of the American underground nuclear test in the Nevada desert on August 17, the first since Mr Gorbachov declared a moratorium of Soviet testing fom August 6. The paper said its information came from "non-American sources" and that this proved a testing freeze could be verified despite Washington's assertion that only on-site inspection would be satisfactory.

The Soviet press said Washington was "throwing everything" into a campaign to discredit Russia's disarmament stance.

Tass said the spydust charges – like earlier allegations that the US Embassy in Moscow was being bombarded with microwaves – had been made in the hope of gaining danger money for American diplomats in Moscow. The microwave incident produced 15 per cent salary increase for embassy staff.

Many diplomats believe both the microwave and spydust theories are plausible, since the KGB is "capable of anything" but are still waiting for hard evidence.

The salmon farmers' happy tale

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Looking down from the bare brown hillsides of the Scottish Highlands to one or other of the sea inlets that indent the west coast, the observant visitor may notice a collection of pontoons moored in the lee of a cliff to protect them from the prevailing winds.

He or she may assume that they have something to do with fishing, but is unlikely to guess that they support large nets, each filled with thousands of pounds worth of salmon being fattened for market.

In spite of a difficult start and continuing criticism from some quarters, the Scottish salmon farming industry is big business. The 28 members of the Scottish Salmon Growers Association will produce this year about 4,000 tonnes, four fifths of all home supplies with a wholesale value of at least 16 million.

The fry are reared on breeding farms and kept in freshwater tanks until they become smolts, which is the stage at which in their wild state they would migrate to sea. They are then taken down to a sea loch where they are kept in the nets until they mature into adult salmon.



Mr Robin Brown, a fish farm supervisor, with one of his charges.

Salmon farmers have benefited from the decline in the number of wild salmon, the result mainly of excessive drift netting off the coast of north-east England.

Their success does not appear to be resented, and from all appearances the fish are healthy and well fed, although some experts are concerned about the risk of disease epidemics that could spread to wild stocks. There are also those who say that farmed salmon does not taste like "the real thing", but the distinction is likely to be lost on many of us.

Burial halted by rubble

The burial of a widow aged 92 was halted after mourners complained that the grave resembled a building site. The Rev David Protheroe wept at the sight of rocks and boulders in and around the grave at Pant Cemetery, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, and abandoned the burial, which took place later on Saturday.

The incident happened hours after a borough council inquiry into the town's cemeteries had been adjourned until next month. The council promised to investigate.

Mr Hubert Jenkins, the solicitor who had represented complainants at the inquiry, was called to the cemetery. He said: "I just couldn't believe what I saw. The graveside was like a building site or quarry.

"Mourners had to stand on a sheet of corrugated steel".

The burial took place that evening after permission was given to open a war grave where the widow's husband and son are buried.

Rabat tries to mediate in Gadaffi row with Tunis

Rabat (Reuter, AP) – Two Moroccan envoys met the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, in Tripoli at the weekend to try to reduce tennsion between Libya and Tunisia over Libya's expulsion of Tunisian workers.

The Moroccan MAP news agency said Mr Ahmed Reda Guedira, King Hassa's senior political adviser, and the Foreign Minister Abdel Latif Filali, met Colonel Gadaffi after talks in Tunis with the Tunisian Prime Minister, Mr Mohamed Mzali. It gave no details of the talks.

After Libya expelled 25,000 Tunisian workers, Tunisia retaliated by expelling 283 Libyans, including diplomats, accused of spying.

Tunisia has accused Colonel Gadaffi of massing troops on its border and of threatening to use military force.

Yesterday Colonel Gadaffi received the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabahi according to the Libyan Jana news agency. It said he brought the colonel a letter from Kuwait's Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah. Its contents were not disclosed, and there were no details of the meeting, but diplomatic sources said the Kwaitis were also trying to mediate.

Neither Moroccan officials nor the press have made any comment on the dispute, which has been reported only briefly in Rabat.

● **TUNIS:** The Libyan envoy to Tunisia yesterday said he hoped the Moroccan attempt to mediate would succeed.

Mr Abdallah Harrari claimed he did not expect Tripoli to expel Tunisian diplomats in retaliation for Tunisia's ordering out of Libyan diplomats.

Asked whether he thought Morocco's mediation would succeed, Mr Harrari said: "I hope so, but I have no details on developments."

A senior Tunisian official said that Tunisia was ready for the worst in the dispute with Libya.

Greek opposition leader forces party election

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Constantine Mitsotakis has resigned the leadership of New Democracy, the conservative main opposition party in Greece, in what is seen as a surprise move to outwit his critics within the party and secure re-election.

The party's 121 deputies have been summoned to an emergency meeting of the parliamentary group next Thursday to elect the new leader.

Almost a year ago it chose Mr Mitsotakis to lead the party by 71 votes against 40 for his only rival, Mr Kostis Stefanopoulos.

His dispute with Mr Stefanopoulos over the date of the next party congress, was used by Mr Mitsotakis in his letter of resignation. He said: "Clearly the difference over the party congress concealed a challenge to [my] leadership."

New Democracy, after its defeat by the socialists in the elections on June 2, seemed ready to blame its leader and replacing him. It happened to Mr George Rallis, after the 1981 defeat, and to Mr Evanghelos Averoff, after the 1984 Euro-elections.

Mr Mitsotakis, who believed that, by increasing the party's overall strength from 36 to 41 per cent of the electorate in the last poll, he deserved better treatment, decided to resist this tradition.

While Mr Mitsotakis, aged 67, said he would stand again for election at Thursday's caucus, Mr Stefanopoulos, 59, accused him of provoking an "artificial crisis".

"I refuse to accept this pointless and dangerous challenge", he said, indicating he would not stand for election as leader.

Chinese pilot crashes on escape flight

Seoul (AFP) – The pilot of a Chinese military plane has asked for asylum in Taiwan after a crash-landing that broke his back and killed two people, government sources here said yesterday.

In Peking, the New China News Agency said the plane had crashed in South Korea after losing its way and appealed for the prompt return of the aircraft and its crew.

The Il-28 light bomber entered South Korean airspace on Saturday on the west coast and then crash-landed south of Seoul, apparently through lack of fuel, the Defence Ministry said.

It said the plane's navigator and a farmer at work were killed when it landed on a rice-paddy. The pilot, Mr Xiao Tien-Yen, aged 33, broke his back and a third man on board, the radio operator, Mr Liu Shu-Yi, aged 36, was unhurt.

The government sources said Mr Liu had asked to return to China.

China and South Korea do not have diplomatic relations.

The NCNA said "a Chinese military plane was missing while in a training flight over the waters south-east of Qingdao yesterday afternoon".

"According to an announcement by South Korea, the plane, running out of fuel, made an emergency landing in north Cholla province of South Korea," it said.

In Taipei, a Defence Ministry spokesman said the ministry expressed "utmost welcome to the defected crew member." He added that the country would do its best "to help fulfil his will".

Taiwan offers gold to defectors bringing planes. In 1965, Mr Lee Hsien-Pien and Mr Li Tsai-Wang received 2,000 taels of gold (£699,000) for defecting to Taiwan in an Il-28 bomber.

Sources said the award for Mr Xiao might be doubled since the warplane he flew to South Korea was a modified type.

The plane landed near the town of Iri, 155 miles south of Seoul.

Two more Israelis shot in West Bank towns

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

One Israeli was killed and another was seriously injured in the occupied West Bank at the weekend, ending a brief lull in the latest wave Arab-Jewish violence.

Mr André Aloush, aged 40, was shot in the back at close range on Saturday outside a jewellery store in the town of Tulkarm. A few hours later, Mr Uri Ovad was shot while shopping with his family in Jenin. He was in a serious but stable condition in hospital last night with three bullets in his chest.

Both Tulkarm and Jenin, close to the Israeli border, are often visited by Israelis in search of bargains and cheap dental and medical treatment.

Security forces placed a curfew on both towns as they searched for the assailants, disrupting local prepartions for the Muslim feast of Id al-Adha, which started last night.

The attacks were the latest in a series of recent close-range assaults on Israelis in the West Bank towns. In the past month there have been two, in Nablus and in Hebron. In neither case was the assailant caught.

There has been speculation that the latest attacks are in some way connected with the blowing up of two houses by the Israeli army in the village of Anabta last Friday, following the capture of an alleged guerrilla ring.

Israeli settlers and their political champions have once again called for tougher security measures, including the expulsion of some 600 guerrillas freed in a prisoner exchange earlier this year and permitted to return to their West Bank homes.

● TUNIS – The Palestine Liberation Organization later claimed responsibility for the West Bank attack saying that the men shot were secret service officers (AP reports).

Philippines prisoners tunnel out

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Twenty-five prisoners escaped after digging a 60ft tunnel under the perimeter fence of Cebu prison in the central Philippines, and crawling out before dawn yesterday.

One was shot dead by parsuing guards, four were recaptured and one surrendered shortly after the breakout was discovered, the police said.

The state-run Philippines Newsagency said the tunnel, big enough to accommodate one prisoner at a time, could have taken up to a month to construct. Its entrance was found under the lavatory block and ended in shrubs just beyond the jail fence, the agency said.

The prisoners escaped between 3.30 and 4 am from the overcrowded prison, 350 miles south-east of Manila. It was built to hold 250 inmates, and at the time of the escape held 800.

Nepal to prosecute 101 for bombings

Katmandu (Reuter) – Nepal announced yesterday the release of 1,649 people detained for questioning about bomb blasts in June and said it would prosecute 101 still in custody.

The Home Minister, Mr Jog Mehar Shresta, said that statements made by the accused had implicated the Nepalese dissident leader, Ramraj Prasad Singh, who has claimed responsibility for the explosions in interviews in India.

The explosions in Katmandu and several other Nepalese towns killed seven people and injured 25. In the capital bombs went off outside two gates of King Birendra's palace, a hotel partly owned by a member of the royal family and at the national assembly.

They occurred during agitation by opposition groups for the restoration of political parties, a campaign since called off by all but the People's Front.

Ramraja Prasad Singh, a 50-yer-old lawyer, went into self exile five years ago after being jailed several times for anti-government activities.

A special tribunal to hear the cases against the 101 accused is to be convened within a month.

New Zealand takes its first steps towards nuclear ban compromise

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand has taken the first steps towards a compromise on its nuclear warships ban, which has strained relations with Washington. The ban all but ended its role in the Anzus alliance with Washington and Canberra.

The move will ease the task of New Zealand's deputy Prime Minister, Mr Geoffrey Palmer, who is to have talks on the issue in Washington next month with the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz. But it is likely to bring trouble at the Labour Party's annual conference next weekend.

New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr David Lange gave the first sign of a compromise in the Anzus deadlock when he told a press conference that the formula used for the entry of American military aircraft for the triad Anzus exercises last year could also be used for ship visits.

Mr Lang pointed out that when questioned at the time about the entry of 10 nuclear-capable American F16 aircraft and eight F15s for the exercise with New Zealand and Australian aircraft, he had said that the aircraft were not nuclear-armed.

In a reference to the United States policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons, Mr Lange said: "It was inconceivable that the United States would have said that, but I did. Now is a principle which could, in my view, be perfectly appropriate in the maritime situation."

Mr Lange's comment was in response to a question about whether the Nordic and Japanese formula for ship visits would provide a solution to the impasse with Washington.

It followed a meeting of his party caucus foreign affairs committee, which had considered the outline of legislation to enforce the nuclear warships ban.

At least four top-level warnings from Washington, including statements from Mr Shultz and the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, have emphasized that such legislaton would be seen as a provocation and would lead to a review of the Anzus treaty and related commitments. Other State Department spokesmen have suggested this could mean a separate defence treaty with Australia, excluding New Zealand.

Labour Party sources said at the weekend that Mr Lange, who would not elaborate on his remark, appeared to be trying for the "trust me" formula. Under this he would decide, presumably after top-level advice from Washington, whether ships were nuclear-armed.

But while they indicated the majority of the caucus would accept the formula, if accompanied by legislation, they doubted whether is would be backed by the party's conference.

Mr Lange tried to gain support for the "trust me" formula over the visit of the USS Buchanan earlier this year, but the party caucus, clearly believing the ship was likely to be nuclear-armed, told him they would not accept the visit.

The refusal, after New Zealand and Washington officials had been expecting agreement, greatly soured relations and led to the Washington reaction – cancelled Anzus defence exercises with New Zealand and a curbed flow of intelligence information.

Obote secret police protest innocence

From Richard Dowden, Kampala

They sat in a semicircle before *The Times* correspondent, who was perched on a low stool, like a 19th-century explorer in Africa.

Dressed in identical white shorts and shirts these 116 men were, until recently some of the most feared in Uganda, members of the National Security Agency, the secret police. Now they are held, without charge, in Luzira, Kampala's main prison, replacing 1,203 of their victims, who were released from the same prison after the coup.

They rejected the offer to appoint two or three of their number as spokesmen, preferring to be interviewed en masse. As individuals told their stories the rest nodded, or dissented noisily.

"We served the 13 million people of Uganda, not the Obote regime" said one. "Our job as Nasa agents . . ."

"Former Nasa agents" roared the rest.

". . . former Nasa agents, was to gather information about politicians, DP (the opposition Democratic Party) and UPC (the ruling Uganda People's Congress), about businssmen, about each other, even about you, a journalist (peals of laughter). We have done nothing wrong.

"After the coup there was a radio announcement telling us to report to Nile Mansions. This we did. They told us to come back the following day. We did. They told us the reasons for the coup and then told us to come back the following week. Then on August 2, Radio Uganda announced that we should report to Republic House with the tools of our trade, vehicles, radios, weapons. One hundred and twenty-seven of us reported. We were put in vehicles and driven to Luzira under military escort. The 11 women were taken to the women's prison."

They said they had been well treated and that conditions were good. But they were worried about their families and homes, many of which were attacked after the coup. Some of the other 350 Nasa officials had been killed, but others were working for the new Government.

Mr Paul Ssemogerere, the Internal Affairs Minister, has said the Nasa agents will be screened

When asked who they worked for, they chorused "Rwakasiisi".

Mr Cris Rwakasiisi, former minister of state in the President's office, did not agree with this at all: The only imprisoned minister from the former Government, he has his own room near the Nasa section, wears his own clothes and had a bag of food and personal possessions brought by his wife the previous day.

"Nasa reported strictly only to the President himself. I was not responsible," he said, but, when pressed, he admitted he was the nominal head, though "running a security organization is a little bit funny, but Nasa always had direct access to the top." Only the former internal affairs minister signed detention orders on political opponents, he said.

In a corner, slightly apart from the other Nasa prisoners, stood a small white man with thin grey hair and a droopy moustache, dressed in shabby clothes too big for him. Mr Robert Astles, known here as Major Bob, a henchman of Idi Amin and a Ugandan citizen, has spent six years here.

He said he was well and had chosen to live with the Nasa men, whom he described as "fine chaps". He denied reports that he had set conditions for his release. "Of course I want to get out. There's so much to be done in the country. I expect to be released shortly. I don't know why they are keeping me now."

Hampshire-born Mr Astles, aged 62, was acquitted of murder in 1981 after being extradited from Kenya, where he fled when Amin was overthrown.



Masked demonstrators breaking a bank's windows during an anti-apartheid demonstration in Frankfurt on Saturday. Police used water cannon against the protesters and made six arrests.

EEC team wants to meet Mandela

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

The EEC team, including three Community foreign ministers, which is due to visit South Africa later this week, has demanded a meeting with Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned African National Congress leader.

The decision was taken at an emergency session of the EEC's political committee in Luxembourg this weekend, when top foreign ministry officials of the 10 member-states and Spain and Portugal met their ambassadors to Pretoria to prepare a brief for the mission.

A statement issued later said that the mission, known as the Troika, led by the current President of the European Community, Luxembourg's Foreign Minister, M Jacques Poos, would meet a range of political, economic, religious and cultural leaders, including the official and unofficial opposition.

The statement noted that the South African Government had not responded to EEC demands to lift the state of emergency, free Nelson Mandela and move towards the abolition of apartheid. It called on Pretoria to start an urgent dialogue with the "authentic representatives of the black population".

The uncompromising tone of the statement was partly prompted by the hostile reaction to the Troika's visit by Third World countries.

"The statement shows that we are not just going to hobnob with the South African authorities", said one official later. He said that the Committee of Ambassadors of the Organization of African Unity, who have been critical, had not fully understood that the purpose of the visit was to demonstrate disapproval of apartheid.

Iraq strikes again at Kharg depot

Manama, Bahrain (AP) – Iraqi warplanes raided Kharg Island oil terminal, which handles 90 per cent of Iran's oil, for the second time in 10 days.

A Baghdad spokesman said eight 1,000-lb bombs were dropped to "impede work on extinguishing fires resulting from the previous attack". In Damascus, foreign ministers of Iran, Syria and Libya met twice at the weekend to co-ordinate policies. Syria and Libya are the only Arab countries backing Iran against Iraq.

Four hurt in hotel robbery

Brisbane (Reuter) – Two Britons and an Australian are in hospital in Brisbane after trying to prevent an armed robbery attempt at an hotel in the northern Papua New Guinea town of Lae.

The Britons, identified as David Nelson, aged 48, and Sheila Porter, aged 33, are said to be in a satisfactory condition with head and chest gunshot wounds respectively. There is no information about the Australian, Victor Enyterko, aged 33, or a fourth injured person.

Afghan links

Moscow (AP) – A deputy foreign minister, Mr Georgey Kornienko, had separate weekend talks with the foreign ministers of Pakistan and Afghanistan, both of whom are involved in UN negotiations to solve the Afghan refugee problem.

Hikers drugged

Athens (AP) – Mr Gerasimos Fotinatos, aged 32, an aerospace engineer who has admitted robbing nine hitch-hikers after drugging them with a sleeping draught, says he did it in revenge for his wife's having abandoned him.

Hudson home

Los Angeles (AFP) – Rock Hudson, aged 59, the film actor who has Aids, has returned home from the Los Angeles University medical centre, where he was admitted 26 days ago. His condition is said to be fair.

Climbers lost

Islamabad (Reuter) – Pakistan Air Force helicopters have joined a search for two British climbers, Mr Michael Harber and Mr Michael Morris, who have been missing in the Karakoram Mountains for five weeks.

Gift of deer

Peking (Reuter) – Twenty-two Père David deer, the gift of the Marqess of Tavistock, have arrived in China 80 years after their native ancestors died out. Most will go to a game park near Peking.

Gunman held

Cairo (Reuter) – Police have shot dead one man and arrested another suspected of shooting at a police car in the suburb of Maadi, where an Israeli diplomat was murdered last week. A third man escaped.

Grip tightened

Yaoundé (Reuter) – President Paul Biya of Cameroon has dropped 10 ministers in a cabinet reshuffle designed to strengthen his hold on the West African state.

Dual transplant

San Francisco (AP) – Mr Louis Bonesio, aged 51, who had a heart transplant 11 years ago, is doing well after receiving a new kidney.

Britons freed

Rabat (Reuter) – Three Britons were among 54 foreigners freed from Moroccan prisons to mark the Pope's visit.

Inside job

New York (AP) – An employee of an armoured car security company pulled a shotgun from the rack, handcuffed two co-workers, and escaped with $US500,000 in small-denomination notes, police said.

Hawke wrestles with tax reform tangle

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Australians are still waiting to see what taxation reforms the Labour Government will introduce next month, in the wake of the virtual collapse of proposals in July's much raunted tax summit.

The hostile reaction to the package has left little room for manoevre. Large scale cuts in income tax seem impossible, and that could have a big impact on the popularity of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke.

Mr Hawke and his Treasurer, Pr Paul Keating, had wanted to introduce a broadly based consumption tax of 12.5 per cent in return for substantial income tax cuts, together with a capital gains tax and toll on such fringe benefits as expense allowances ad company cars.

In the face of almost universal opposition during the exercise in consensus democracy, all the main proposals were dropped except the least popular, mainly a and consumer items such as clothing and footwear. Even these were dropped earlier this month leaving the Government only with capital gains and fringe benefits taxes.

However, even this may cause the Government trouble as last week the taxation office began to crack down on fringe benefits and press for the inclusion of politicans' tax free benefits such as electoral allowances. A move to tax MPs' allowances would almost certainly cause a back-bench revolt.

There is considerable pressure from the Australian Council of Trade Unions to give what tax cuts th emasculated reforms will allow to the lower and middle income earners. However, the Government has pointed out that the abandonment of a shift to indirect taxation means that there will now be little room for big cuts in personal tax.

The desire to carry out fundamental reform was quite simply scuttled by political pressure. Mr Hawke and Mr Keating soon realized that a broad based consumption tax would be unacceptable to the electorate and, given Australia's three-year electoral terms, if imposed there would not be enough time to recover from its effects on government popularity to win the next election.

The Budget last week was, however, greeted with enthusiasm by business and, by and large, indifference in the rest of the community. The Stock Exchange reacted calmly and, given that there were no rises in taxes or excise duties, most people considered it a "good" budget.

The Australian Chamber of Manufacturers described it as politically astute, showing a need for wage and government spending restraint and a good vote catcher for youth in the rural sector.

The Confederation of Australian Industry was enthusiastic, calling it a "responsible attempt to sustain economic growth through an increasing reliance on a viable private sector".

Computer hitch stops shuttle

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The launch of the space shuttle Discovery was postponed yesterday for the second time in 24 hours. Another attempt will be made at about noon BST on Tuesday.

The latest delay, nine minutes before lift-off, was because a back-up computer was giving readings different from those of the four main computers. The launch on Saturday was stopped five minutes before blast-off because of thunderstorms at the Kennedy space centre in Florida.

The American crew of five is to deploy communications satellites on its eight-day mission, for the American Satellite Company, the Australian Government and the United States Navy. After that it will try to revive a £50 million communications satellite that has been lifeless in orbit since deployment by another shuttle in April.

Mr Bill Fisher and Mr James Van Hoften will try to repair the satellite by connecting an electric cable around an automatic timer, which is thought to have caused the problem.

Hughes Communications Corporation, the owners of the satellite, which is to be leased to the Navy, is to pay Nasa about £7 million for the rescue attempt. The space agency will get about £32 million for the launching of the three communications satellites.

Socialists split on poll tactics

From Our Correspondent
Paris

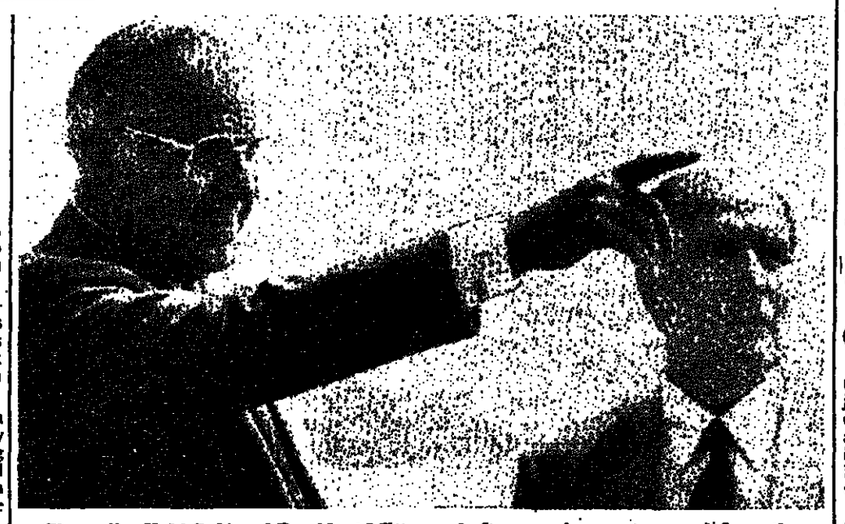
France's Socialist Party has failed to agree on how to approach the coming general elections.

The former Agriculture Minister, M Michel Rocard, has dissented from the party's proposed election plan to be put to the party congress in October.

His decision to put forward a separate motion follows lengthy talks at an executive meeting over the weekend. M Rocard feels that there must be an analysis of errors before the socialists can fight an election.

But the party's secretary M Lionel Jospin, feels that there has been enough talk on errors and now is the time to prepare a campaign by asking what they can do to win and by reaching out to the people.

M Rocard, who resigned as Agriculture Minister over President Mitterrand's decision to change the election laws in favour of proportional representation, found he was unable to change two sections of Mr Jospin's motion, which had been agreed by other party factions.



Chancellor Kohl (left) and President Mitterrand after agreeing on stronger defence ties.

Mitterrand's 'hot line' to Kohl

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl have agreed to strengthen security ties between France and West Germany and to install a direct telephone link between them to improve communications.

Thestatement came as the two leaders ended a four-hour talk in the south of France at the weekend in the second of their twice-yearly meetings. There was no indication as to how security between the two countries would be strengthened, although chancellor Kohl said it would not contradict ties with Nato and the United States.

France and West Germany still do not see eye to eye on several issues. Although President Mitterrand said it might still be possible toconstruct different versions of a European defence aircraft from one basic model, there was no agreement.

France would like West Germany to appear more enthusiastic over its Eureka project, while West Germany is still considering European involvement in the American Strategic Defence Iniative proposals.

Wife pleads for release of journalist

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Apparently convinced that the Islamic Jihad movement is about to release her French journalist husband after more than three months of captivity in Lebanon, Mme Joelle Kauffmann has appealed to his kidnappers to free him at a time when Muslims are celebrating the feast of the sacrifice – Eid al-Adha – throughout the Arab world.

Mr Hussein Moussawi of Islamic Amal and Sheikh Sobhi Tufaili, one of the senior Hezbollah (Party of God) leaders in Lebanon, travelled to Iran last week specifically to discuss the case of the four Frenchmen and the seven kidnapped Americans still being held in Lebanon. Syria is urging the Iranians to use their influence to have all 11 released, although Damascus will not go so far as to endanger its relations with Tehran.

Nevertheless, Mr Ali-Akhbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister who met the two Lebanese in Tehran, arrived in Damascus yesterday in the company of the head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards. Their deliberations over the hostages therefore coincide with appeals not just by Mme Kauffmann and her children, Gregoire and Alexandre, but by the French National Centre for Scientific Research, whose employee, M Michel Seurat, was kidnapped with M Jean-Paul Kauffmann on May 22.

Mme Kauffmann said in a published letter to "the Lebanese People" that she and her children had come to understand the country's suffering in the months since her husband was abducted. Two French diplomats are also being held in Lebanon, as are two more journalists: Mr Alec Collett, a freelance British writer, and Mr Terry Anderson, the bureau chief of the Associated Press in Beirut.

Brazil row on economy

Top finance man sacked after outburst to bankers

From Sue Branford, São Paulo

President Sarney of Brazil dismissed the Finance Ministry's secretary-general, Senhor Sebastiao Marcos Vital, after he attacked government policy at a meeting with bankers in Brasilia.

At the time of his dismissed last week, Senhor Vital was standing in for the Finance Minister, Senhor Francisco Dornelles, who was visiting Europe.

Senhor Vital is reported to have said that his ministry was exhausted by its attempt to persuade the Government to adopt sound economic policies. "They are failing to respect the wishes of Senhor Tancredo Neves," he complained, referring to the extremely popular president-elect who died before taking office.

Senhor Dornelles is believed to share many of Senhor Vital's views. The dismissal is seen as a warning to Senhor Dornelles that he must back the general thrust of the Government's economic policies if he wishes to retain office.

The present economic team is divided between a Keynesian faction, headed by the Planning Minister, Senhor Joao Sayad, and a monetarist faction headed by Senhor Dornelles. Disputes are being settled by Senhor Luis Paulo Rosemberg, a presidential aide.

Senhor Rosemberg does not back the Planning Minister on all issues, but he agrees with the general line of his argument that growth of at least 5 per cent a year must be the Government's primary economic aim.

British stars blacked by Norwegian TV

Oslo (Reuter) – Norwegian television refused to broadcast a show with the British performers Cliff Richard and Shirley Bassey, in protest at their appearances in South Africa.

The state-owned broadcasting service, NRK, made the decision after unions involved in the show, which was organized by the Norwegian Red Cross, had threatened to black the concerts.

The live concert went ahead at the weekend, but NRK broadcast other material.

A NRK spokesman said statements by the performers when they arrived in Oslo had been provocative.

Richard said he disagreed with South Africa's apartheid policies but would continue appearing there. Miss Bassey said she would also appear again in South Africa.

Spy scandal rocks Bonn and damages Nato security

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The defection of West Germany's top counter-intelligence official to East Germany together with three suspected East German spies looks like being the most damaging spy scandal in Bonn for the past decade.

To say that the West German Government has been shaken by the defection of a senior spy-catcher is an understatement. The political effects are devastating – on Chancellor Helmut Kohl personally, on his Government, on Nato security and on Bonn's relations with its allies, in particular the United States.

Herr Hans Joachin Tiedge was a department head of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, the body with responsibility for keeping track of and catching East German agents. Ironically he was the man who unmasked the last great spy scandal in 1974, when Günter Guillaume, the assistant to Chancellor Willy Brandt, was found to be an East German agent. Herr Brandt promptly resigned.

But last Monday, after the disappearance of a secretary to the Economics Minister and two others now believed to be spies, Herr Tiedge himself vanished. At first there were suggestions, one might even say hopes, that he had committed suicide, as it was known that he had a drink problem and had been under pressure. But on Friday morning the awful truth came out: the East German official news agency triumphantly announced that he too had defected.

It is, as officials admitted, catastrophe for West German intelligence. Herr Tiedge can freely brief the efficient East German intelligenge authorities and their KGB partners on exactly which of the many Soviet bloc agents in the West had been uncovered and which were still undetected. This alone would paralyse counter-espionage work for years to come.

Western agents in the East may not immediately be imperilled, as Herr Tiedge was not directly concerned with operations outside West Germany. But few will now feel secure, and a whole new network may have to be built. Bonn has started to bring in some of its agents already.

The embarrassment to Chancellor Kohl is palpable. The hapless Christian Democratic leader will probably not resign, as Herr Brandt did. But he will have to take at least nominal responsibility for the failure of his country's intelligence network and the dangerous lapses in security. Already there have been calls for the resignation of Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Interior Minister, and Herr Walton Schreckenberger, Herr Kohl's Chancellery aide responsible for the intelligence services.

Herr Kohl's own policy of trying to improve links with East Germany has been dealt a heavy blow, and he has admitted that relations will be strained. It looks like just one more pitfall into which the accident-prone Chancellor has stumbled.

The effect on Bonn's relations with its Western allies is also serious. Bonn has long been known as a town that cannot keep secrets, and the allies, in particular the US, have been wary about entrusting too many secrets to the West Germans.

This is bitterly resented by the Germans, who feel shut out of top Western policy decisions. But now the general suspicion in the West that sooner or later East Germany will ferret out anything told to the West Germans will be reinforced. A Nato source said that on a scale of seriousness from one to ten, this rated as nine and a half.

Herr Carl-Dieter Spranger, the West German Deputy Interior Minister, has announced that security controls will be tightened, and rigorous checks made on the backgrounds of people in sensitive posts. But can anything really be done, with millions of people with relatives in the East and a constant steam of West German visitors across the border?

As it is, Bonn's policy of accepting East German emigrants and refugees makes it all too easy for the communists to slip a few agents in among the thousands of disaffected East Germans going West. They quickly melt into their new milieu, looking the same, sounding the same, as thoroughly German as their new neighbours. And, as the present affair shows, many communist agents wait years before starting active espionage, winning trust and allaying suspicion in the meantime.

THE ARTS

Photograph of Michael Clark by Richard Haughton



Michael Clark's independence and outrageous invention have made him the centre of a whirlwind of controversy as well as Britain's undisputed star of non-establishment dance; tomorrow his new show opens at Riverside Studios: interview by John Percival

Letting people enjoy themselves

When Michael Clark's company opens its London season at Riverside Studios tomorrow it will be three years, almost to the day, since his first professional choreography was shown there, inaugurating a freelance career that finds him, at 23, the undisputed star of non-establishment dance in Britain. The image he presents is an extreme one: offstage, as well as on, he wears clothes by Bodymap or Leigh Bowery and trains his hair into startling shapes – just at present little bleached spikes flowering from a close-cropped dark head.

It is all carried off with complete unselfconsciousness, and when he talks it is both quietly and thoughtfully. Somewhere below that post-punk exterior, one may remember, lurks the sensitive boy who played a poetic, dreamy loner in a ballet built around him while studying at the Royal Ballet School.

His background takes in Scottish dancing at Aberdeen, where he was born; a child role in Scottish Ballet's *Nutcracker* and an invitation to study ballet at their school in Glasgow; a scholarship to the Royal Ballet School, where his rebellious independent nature was not appreciated, but won him a prize for choreography; and an invitation at 17 to join Ballet Rambert, where Richard Alston at once started making roles specially for him.

To leave that for a freelance career looked rash but the gamble paid off. Besides having his own company, his choreography is in demand by other British and French troupes, he has starred in a television documentary to be shown soon on Channel 4, and having already toured Europe he makes his American début in October.

So far, public comment on his productions has centred on the bare backside, the artificial phalluses and the transsexual dressing more than on the dancing. But, in preparation for his latest production, Clark and his dancers arranged an intensive course in classical ballet technique with his old Royal Ballet teacher, Richard Glasstone. Why?

"Well, we had an exhausting tour and we were starting to get injuries. Concentrating on technique helps to save us from injury. Ballet is the basis of all my work; that way, if we try out something difficult we know we are not likely to wreck our careers."

Surprisingly, too, Glasstone's is the first name that comes to his lips when asked about the influences on his choreography. "His classes taught me so much about continuity, timing and rhythm; also, he pays a lot of attention to the arms. Then there was Richard Alston of course, and Karole Armitage. I saw from Karole how you can achieve anything you want with courage and determination, and that amazing energy of hers.

"Then Charles Atlas, who has lit or designed some of my works and made the television programme, has been an influence too, and I learnt a lot from the films he made with Merce Cunningham. I like to work with close friends, for designs and music too: that way you can get things started more quickly and informally.

"I work things out first on myself, alone in the studio; then I teach the material to the dancers and let them make it work for themselves on their own bodies. Matthew Hawkins is especially valuable for that. I hope to find things that will make them look good, but all the movement comes first from me."

What about the naughty bits: are they meant deliberately to shock? "Well, it's to do with the structure of a piece. There comes a time when you need to give people a kick for a change of feeling." And the hairstyle? "I like change. I don't want to be the same all the time, so I do it differently." What about the other dancers: does he tell them how to do their hair? "No, I couldn't. I might say to someone 'How would you feel about shaving your head?' but, if I tried to order them, they wouldn't do it." Saying that, he gives the impression that he would not want dancers in his group who were willing to be ordered about.

Presumably the rock music he often uses reflects a personal taste? "No, I don't necessarily enjoy all the music we use, but it has an energy we need, and the rhythm is pretty basic so it's easy to work against it, which is what I like to do.

"When I used the Ravel Introduction and Allegro (in *HAIL the Classical* for Scottish Ballet), I tried very hard to work against the rhythms there too, but then I found that the dancers seemed to slip into dancing with the music. For the new piece, the music was chosen for its associations, as well as my own, all the dancers had to fill in long questionnaires – 'What was the first disc you ever bought?' and such.

"I have used speech this time, partly because Leslie Bryant has joined us and I love the way he talks, but also because it gives more variety of entertainment. I am grateful that some people have seen so much in the dancing of *Do You Me? I Did* on last year's programme, and I reused some material from that in *Angel Food* for Paris, but I feel that *New Puritans*, the other half of that programme, is more what I want to do at present, and I think there is just as much dancing there, with the other elements.

"I partly redeveloped that in *not HAIR* earlier this year (I knew how much new choreography I could make in the time available) and now I have replaced the rest. It has become more like a variety show. When I was a boy in Aberdeen, the school used to put on a show every year, and when we dance there on this tour I hope people will see the connection.

"I also wanted to recreate the effect of *Hair*, where I was told people were so full of enthusiasm that they went on stage and danced with the cast. I want people to enjoy themselves."

PUBLISHING

Small is shrinking

With Paul Hamlyn's Octopus having acquired the Heinemann Group from its previous owner of less than 1,000 days, BTR, more than 50 per cent of British publishing turnover is now in the hands of as few as eight companies. The biggest three (Pearson Longman, which includes Viking, Penguin, Hamish Hamilton, Michael Joseph and Sphere; Octopus and Collins) are responsible for about 30 per cent of turnover.

The new fifth edition of *Book Publishing: An Industry Sector Overview* (Key Note Publications Ltd, £75.00) – published just before the Octopus/Heinemann merger – concludes: "The success story of the Eighties is still Octopus Books. Like Penguin, Octopus is headed by someone who recognizes the need to bring publishing and book distribution up to date."

Elsewhere, the report opines that "The job of the publisher is to bring the author's 'semi-finished' product – the manuscript – to the market". I am far from certain that the majority of authors regard the manuscript they deliver to their publishers as "semi-finished", but otherwise the definition seems fine. The paragraph continues: "Most publishers and their employees, however, prefer to see themselves as participants in the creative process, as they guide book output by selecting critically from the 'unsolicited' manuscripts sent them, or by commissioning authors to write specific titles."

Thereafter the report (45 pages of facts, statistics and sensible judgements) has little to say about authors. In general, people in the book trade seem to think that the coming together of smallish publishing houses to form larger groups is likely to lead to a more efficient industry, one able to hold up its head with other, more substantial (in terms of turnover) industries, both at home and in the export markets. The exception seems to be literary agents, who have fewer publishers to whom to offer new manuscripts than a year ago, and publishers likely to offer lower terms than in recent years as there is less competition for most authors' favours. For example, it is believed that publishers in the Pearson Longman group are not knowingly permitted to bid against each other for specific titles.

Smaller non-aligned publishers – a more appropriate word in the context than "independent" – may be reluctant to offer at all when they know that one of the industry's Mr Bigs wants the book. An unearned advance or two can cause more than furrowed brows to a Deutsch or a Harrap or an Allison & Busby or even a Weidenfeld & Nicolson, whereas to one of the conglomerates it will probably be but a drop in the ocean, a very sprat to catch a mackerel. A publisher does not acquire – or, rather, does not keep – best-selling or important authors without taking some financial risk. Even an imprint as distinguished as Jonathan Cape has to pay competitively these days to retain its authors.

The dilemma for authors is whether they are better off, or less badly off, being published by one of the conglomerates, even a previously distinguished imprint therein, or by one of the non-aligned. Almost inevitably, the latter will be undercapitalized for most of the time, although the future can be secured for some years at least by harnessing the occasional Getty or similar name.

The consolation, at any rate for a "serious" author, is that at a smaller house he or she is likely to have a personal editorial relationship with an editor, someone who indeed sees himself as a participant in the creative process. Authors, in practice, prefer the *idea* of brilliant, creative editors than the reality of being sent back to their desks to rewrite manuscripts.

This is not to suggest that the conglomerates, the larger houses, do not have editors. In fact they may have more, both of the commissionig and of the copy-editing kind, as they can afford to hire them. Yet in the overall publishing process editors in conglomerates are less likely to wield as much influence as they can in smaller houses. There will be innumerable marketing, sales and promotional executives and managers. The editors are likely to be outnumbered and outgunned by managers.

The larger houses can sell books better than the smaller. They have more sales managers and representatives on the road. When they visit major bookshops and wholesalers they are able to offer higher discounts if more copies are bought, and lavish promotion. In effect, this means that the big sellers – the best-sellers – sell more than they would by many thousands than if published by the smaller houses, and the other books often fall by the wayside. A smaller, independent house (there, I've said it) may nurse its geese in the hope that they will become swans, but by the time they do the conglomerates will have their corporate chequebooks out.

E. J. Craddock

Concerts

Pittsburgh SO/ Maazel

Albert Hall/Radio 3

There can be no mistaking the sound of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, visiting the Proms for the first time and in the midst of an extended European tour, for anything other than something distinctly American. The brass section, for instance, plays with neither a roundly English nor a nasally Russian tone, nor really anything between, but makes a good, meaty and honest noise.

This orchestra also happens to play remarkably well as a single unit, as was shown in the first of their two Proms with a programme that cunningly balanced the symmetrical contrasts of Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra with the garish imaginings of Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*. Both, too, are works that happen to suit perfectly the extrovert dynamism of Lorin Maazel.

That much was obvious from the hushed, controlled opening of the first movement of the Bartók, which in retrospect seemed very much a symphonic argument, while the succeeding "Game of Couples" was distinguished not only by the immaculate contributions of the woodwind and trumpet pairs but also by the control of the side drum solos. And though there was exhilaration in plenty in the whirlwind *moto perpetuo* finale, and we duly laughed at Shostakovich's expense in the "Interrupted Scherzo", it was the central "Elegy", with the shimmering overlappings of its nocturnal outer sections and the tragic intensity of its core, that really showed the high quality of this performance.

It was something of a parallel case, strangely enough, with the Berlioz. There the "Witches' Sabbath" duly crowned the work with vividly painted colour contrasts and properly coarse playing from the E flat clarinet and the percussion, which included two handsome, heavy brass bells.

But again the opening movement, "Reverie-Passions", here presented a cogent argument before the deceptive terpsichorean elegance of "Un Bal" began to extend instinctive passion into nightmarish fantasy, while the melancholic cor anglais solo in the central "Scène aux champs" was given with a sensitivity that made one feel as though there, uniquely, one were peering straight into the composer's heart.

Stephen Pettitt

For its second Prom appearance the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra dutifully waved the American flag, programming William Schuman's Symphony No 7. It turned out to be a work with qualities rather similar to this orchestra's: sturdily textured, thoroughly workmanlike but not overburdened with arresting virtuosity.

Written in 1960, it gradually unfurls into a thoroughly all-American syncopated dance finale after a distinctly sombre beginning, a curiously edgy second section and a string cantabile third section very much akin to Samuel Barber's Adagio in the growing passion of its lyricism if not in its thick, sometimes anguished harmonies. The first part, darkly coloured and slow-paced, is the most obvious place to observe two of Schuman's most notable characteristics: his quirky rhythmic sense, with many phrases tapping out distinctive asymmetrical patterns before settling down to more four-square progress; and his tendency when orchestrating to pit blocks of string sound against the various wind choruses, rather than mixing and blending.

The symphony's opening, for instance, is based on a wind chorale, jerky in momentum and gritty in harmony, over which the strings first whisper half-formed ideas, then more confidently group themselves into a rival polyphony. Meanwhile the brass have joined and enriched the chorale, and it is a considerable enriching: seven horns and four trumpets are deployed with splendid effect. Indeed it is a trumpet call, stark and challenging, which first hints that the symphony is on course for a jubilant, percussion-splattered finale.

Which American orchestra touring Britain would feel its visit was complete without a performance of Dvořák's "New World" Symphony? The Pittsburghers, who had demonstrated a fine sense of ensemble earlier in Strauss's *Don Juan*, seemed far less secure in the Dvořák. Lorin Maazel's whimsical experiments, adding some rather precious touches of rubato, hardly helped the cause.

Richard Morrison

AAM/Hogwood

Barbican

This was a concert of great ambition and many a revelation, the first of which was that the so-called "Odense" Symphony, ascribed to Mozart in the manuscript copy found in 1982, clearly cannot be by him. Sometimes it sounds like Haydn in his early maturity (particularly, I thought, the central slow movement); at other times one is reminded of the drama and the rich orchestral expertise of the Mannheimers, with full use made of the woodwind and horns; while the work also has a straightforwardness about it that makes one turn one's mind to English influences, or perhaps Scandinavian, since the city where it was found is in Denmark.

All of which might not disqualify the eclectic young Mozart were it not for the sheer scale of the work. The slow movement seems far too complex a structure even for this precocious 11-year-old; and the absence of the subtle transitions characteristic even in Mozart's juvenilia engenders further doubt.

To judge from his spoken introduction to the Academy of Ancient Music's crisp performance in their "Mostly Mozart" concert, Christopher Hogwood shares my scepticism. He seems confident about his ability to conduct Beethoven, though, and his performance of the "Eroica" Symphony had many unfamiliar things to tell. I did now and again miss the full weight of a large body of throbbing strings, but compensation as far as orchestral colouring was concerned was plenty. And how good, too, to hear the first movement of this work once again as something feverishly striving for new goals instead of gloating complacently over its achievement of them.

There were occasional problems, as always, in woodwind intonation, and the brass did not hit everything cleanly, thought the natural horns in the Scherzo (taken at a careful tempo) achieved wonders, and the first oboist, Frank de Bruine, shaped his solos particularly well in the funeral march. The strings, too, were admirably reliable.

Earlier Timothy Brown, the Academy's principal horn, gave a brave account of Mozart's Third Horn Concerto. Though he fluffed one or two things he nevertheless managed to reveal to us something of the expressive purpose of the changing tone-qualities of the valveless instrument's hand-stopped notes. A revelation indeed.

Stephen Pettitt

LSO/Shelley

Barbican

I think it was Debussy who once remarked that Mozart's piano concertos are so beautifully written that it is almost impossible to play them really badly. By the same token, Mozart is probably harder than anyone else to play and indeed conduct outstandingly well: the necessary fusion of finesse and unaffectedness can by very elusive. This concert was rather stronger on the latter count than on the former.

The overture to *Le nozze di Figaro*, for instance – with which Howard Shelley began – was energetically but none too tidily played: an almost larger-than-Beethoven string section seemed inappropriate. Smaller forces were used, sensibly enough, for Salieri's Sinfonia in D, "Veneziana", a predictably accomplished piece but little more than that.

Things brightened up at once in the opening tutti of Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467, which Shelley directed from the keyboard. Crisp phrasing and a nicely chosen tempo meant that the first movement, which can sometimes sound wayward in its sheer abundance of ideas, never did so here, and the third movement was similarly brisk and direct. Shelley's playing was perhaps a little lacking in light and shade, but his two cadenzas were ideal; successfully avoiding unidiomatic modulations.

A large string section once again worked against the splendours of the "Jupiter" Symphony, smudging outlines in the Andante, obscuring Mozart's dazzling counterpoint in the finale, and generally upsetting the balance of wind and strings. But Shelley obtained some vigorous playing from the orchestra, and his approach to the spacious paragraphs of this amazing work was direct and purposeful.

Malcolm Hayes



Macbeth

Lyceum

The Japanese cinema has given us the Scottish play, with great vividness, in Kurosawa's *Throne of Blood*, while the Japanese theatre has been giving it on and off for some 80 years. Guilt being the interiorization of shame, it is curious to see how the most overt "shame culture" interprets the supreme guilt play, and in this Toho Company production by Yukio Ninagawa, based on a translation by Yushi Odajima, the ghost of comic opera which inevitably haunts such a contradictory focus makes frequent appearances – not least in the opening sequence where Macbeth and Banquo greet the weird sisters while mounted on scene-stealing pantomime horses.

But this is a gorgeously designed production, its predominant blacks and greys often enlivened to high theatrical effect by primary colours, as when Lady Macbeth tells her vacillating man what to do with his courage and reinforces her words by enveloping him in the blood-red lining of her silver-grey wrap; much later, a retainer will report her suicide by bringing on the same garment for him to embrace as tenderly as if it contained her still quick body.

This is staged with the hero-villain at bay in a ring of actual candles, a device which presumably weakens for the Japanese speakers in the audience the metaphorical power of his lines. Again, in the pivotal scene where Macbeth reveals the plot against Banquo's life – that imperishable moment when he discovers the great poet within him – his thrilling imagery must surely be lost in the repeated cawing of the pre-recorded soundtrack: the only place to which the crow takes wing is the theatre's loudspeaker system.



Mikijiro Hira as the ranting warlord Macbeth

Elsewhere, the sound of boy sopranos and orchestral music of rhapsodic character (Banquo's murder is set to a string quartet) gives credence to the notion that we are watching a staged "art movie", an impression reinforced by the alienating use of giant translucent screens behind which much of the action takes place. The rich profusion of visual effects commendably fails to swamp the two principals, Mikijiro Hira as the ranting sixteenth-century warlord and Komaki Kurihara as his vicious and at times affecting lady, though the most poignant role belongs to the cherry tree which periodically appears as if by magic to shed its blossom like snowfall; the petals linger on the stage, and also in the memory.

Martin Cropper

Jazz

Jan Garbarek

Logan Hall

The least that can be said on behalf of Jan Garbarek, the Norwegian saxophonist and composer who is one of the authentic stars of contemporary improvised music, is that he reaches into emotional areas hitherto unimagined by more conventinal forms of jazz. His gaunt, wraith-like tone on the tenor instrument, every fibre straining for soulful projection, can remind the listener of a graveyard at midnight, or of tall ships moving silently through ice flocs.

Sometimes the enraptured tone of his music, and its painterly interest in texture, drains away all emotion, leaving only refined gestures. Last week, though, his quartet's concert was full of life and movement, perhaps the result of Garbarek's decision to focus the evening on ensemble creation at the expense of individual statements.

Wreathed in artificial echo, Garbarek's saxophones pointed the direction for the guitar of David Torn, the notoriously verbose bass of Eberhard Weber and the drums and percussion of Michael Di Pasqua. Of these, Torn most frequently caught the ear, using a small guitar synthesizer whose circuitry and pedals permitted a remarkable range of effects.

Sometimes his notes went slipping and sliding like a Nashville pedal-steel man on LSD; at others his ululations recalled the classical vocal music of India. The two combine when Garbarek's suddenly skittish soprano saxophone led the group into a sort of Ganges hoe-down, Di Pasqua providing an appropriate imitation of tabla drumming.

Pursuing the theme of cultural tourism, Garbarek picked up a pair of bamboo flutes on which he played a sort of jig in the style borrowed from Africa by Don Cherry, accompanied by the soft rustling of Di Pasqua's beaded gourds.

From a man whose art generally reeks of terminal pessimism, such unexpected jollity was quite welcome, although it could not fill the emotional vacuum created, as so often happens, by this kind of chamber jazz.

Richard Williams

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Television

Soothing banality

Alvin Toffler suggested, in The Third Wave (Channel 4), that "millions of people all over the world are frightened of the future" – this is of course where "futurologists" come in, among them Mr Toffler himself who in a Gothic manner proceeded to elaborate upon the subject of waves, mysteries, being swept into the unknown, robots and so on. The point, presumably, is that we are meant to be soothed by cliché and reassured by banality as the whole of human history is transformed into the "Just Fancy That" column of a popular newspaper.

Mr Toffler himself has the style of a television revivalist preacher from the United States, in which the manner is incomparably more important than the matter – everything has to be repeated emphatically and often, so that after a while even the most impercipient viewer recognizes the general technique. Mr Toffler holds up a perfectly ordinary object – a safety pin, for example – then with almost overweening care he demonstrates some trivial aspect of its manufacture before asking in mock bewilderment "What does this mean?". Since this is only a rhetorical question, it is followed by a generalization so large that it might apply to anything produced within the last two hundred years.

The generally vulgar air of the proceedings was intensified by a production which, in its range of meaningless effects, rivalled an explosion in a firework factory: at one moment Mr Toffler was examining that pin in a Scottish garden (Adam Smith emerged here for a moment), at the next he was on a ferris wheel describing a "Second Wave" civilization, and then he was in the Reading Room of the British Library.

If there is one characteristic of our "Second Wave" civilization apparently breaking into a "Third Wave", it is the specious polymathy of certain pundits who believe that width is a proper substitute for depth and who have taken the motto "Only connect" so seriously that every phenomenon is related to everthing else. If I might make a tentative connection of my own, however, this relentless processing of information is only possible in a culture hypnotized by the speed and heterogeneity of television images. In that context, to emply a favourite futurological term, Mr Toffler's scholarship is the intellectual equivalent of soap opera.

Peter Ackroyd

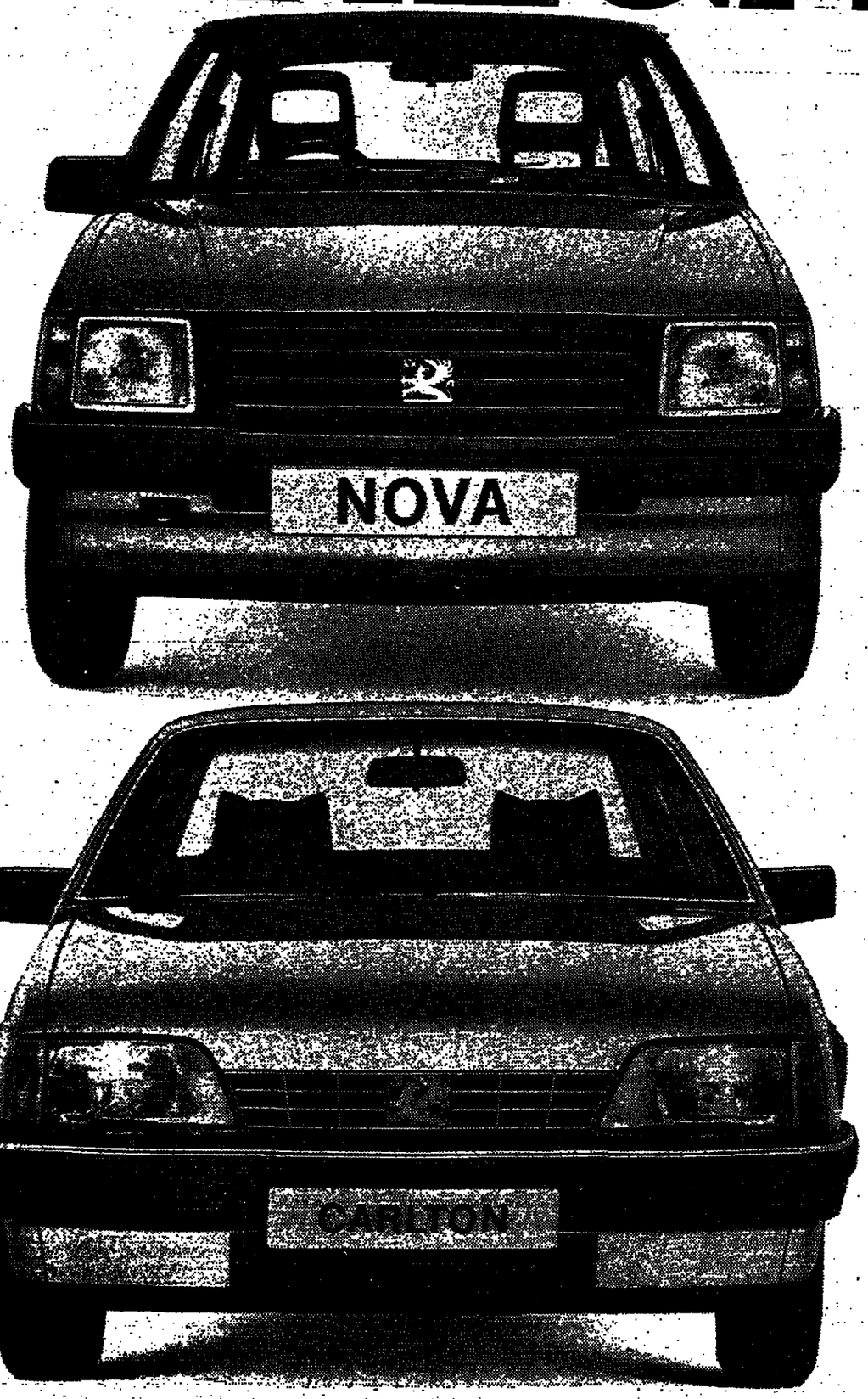


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SPECTRUM

Airports are swelled in summer by thousands of extra travellers. How do they cope?

Packaging the new jet set

Despite recent air disasters, including last week's fire at Manchester, Britain's airports have never been busier. *Times* writers report on how they handle the crush

Heathrow administrators worry that this could be the year they are finally swamped out. The fact that by April the airport looked set to exceed its supposed maximum capacity of 30 million passengers a year suggests that Heathrow is being stretched to bursting point this month, as it will be in the other peak month of September.

Until Terminal Four opens next year, lifting Heathrow's capacity to 38 million passengers, the airport is aware that it is uncomfortably exposed.

According to Mr Garry May, Heathrow's public relations manager, the airport's passengers must expect some inconvenience, like theatre-goers in the West End. "The most successful show in town means that you've got to queue, you've got no choice of seats, you can't get a drink at the bar in the interval because it's so crowded. The same is true of Heathrow. We have 73 airlines serving more than 200 destinations direct, with hourly frequencies to the major destinations in UK and Europe. Nowadays the priority of most travellers is to get where they want to, when they want to".

Visitors to the world's busiest international airport may have to fight through a crush. Will the daily supply of 16,500 cups of tea and coffee, more than 4,000 pints of beer and 2,800 sandwiches be sufficient?

The busiest day in the airport's history was Sunday, August 31, 1980, when it handled 112,880 passengers. That record could be broken with Heathrow being operated to its maximum for an extended period. There are fears over how the airport will bear up: not simply whether its facilities will be adequate, but how the "front line" troops of check-in clerks and other "customer contact" staff will deal with relentless pressure.

Mr May says everyone fears a combination of unfortunate events: "An air traffic control strike abroad linked with adverse weather, for example." Events that could plunge the airport into chaos. Pushed to the limit, Heathrow operates on a knife-edge.

At the beginning of July, a vehicle fire in Heathrow's exit tunnel blocked outgoing traffic and restricted incoming traffic. It took more than four hours to sort out the mess. Passengers had to dash from taxis to terminals to catch flights.

Even when passenger traffic falls to the relatively low rate of 80,000 a day, more than the daily average of 30,000 meeters and greeters can turn up to cause jams which tail back through the tunnel, down the link road and on to the M4 – particularly on Sunday morning, the busiest time of the week.

Roads and car parks are clearly pressure points. The long-term car parks on the airport's perimeter road have been extended across acres of tarmac. There are more than 10,000 spaces but to meet demand the British Airports Authority (BAA) may have the vast expense of building multi-storey car parks.

Another serious pressure point is check-in. Mr Peter Owen, British Airways's deputy director of operations, says steps are being taken to ease the load. Additional staff have been hired and BA is extending the use of "queue combers". "Their function is to pick up any problems, to manage and balance queues, so that the check-in is conducted as quickly as possible".

BA is acutely conscious that passengers will be under as much pressure as staff. "For passengers the process of arriving at an airport and checking in is very bewildering. It's probably not too strong to say they undergo a personality change. It is an extremely stressful time", Mr Owen says.

The airline has invested heavily in a "putting people first" programme, in which staff learn to place themselves in the position of customers. According to Mr Owen, it has succeeded in getting away from a traditional service industry attitude of "servile insolence". Significantly the BAA, which operates Heathrow, has also put its staff of information assistants, porters, concessionaires and even engineers through a similar programme.

A heightened state of security in the wake of terrorism is not expected to cause any major additional problems. However, on occasions when luggage is checked on to a flight and the passenger fails to turn up the flight will be delayed until the "orphan luggage" can be accounted for and security fears allayed.

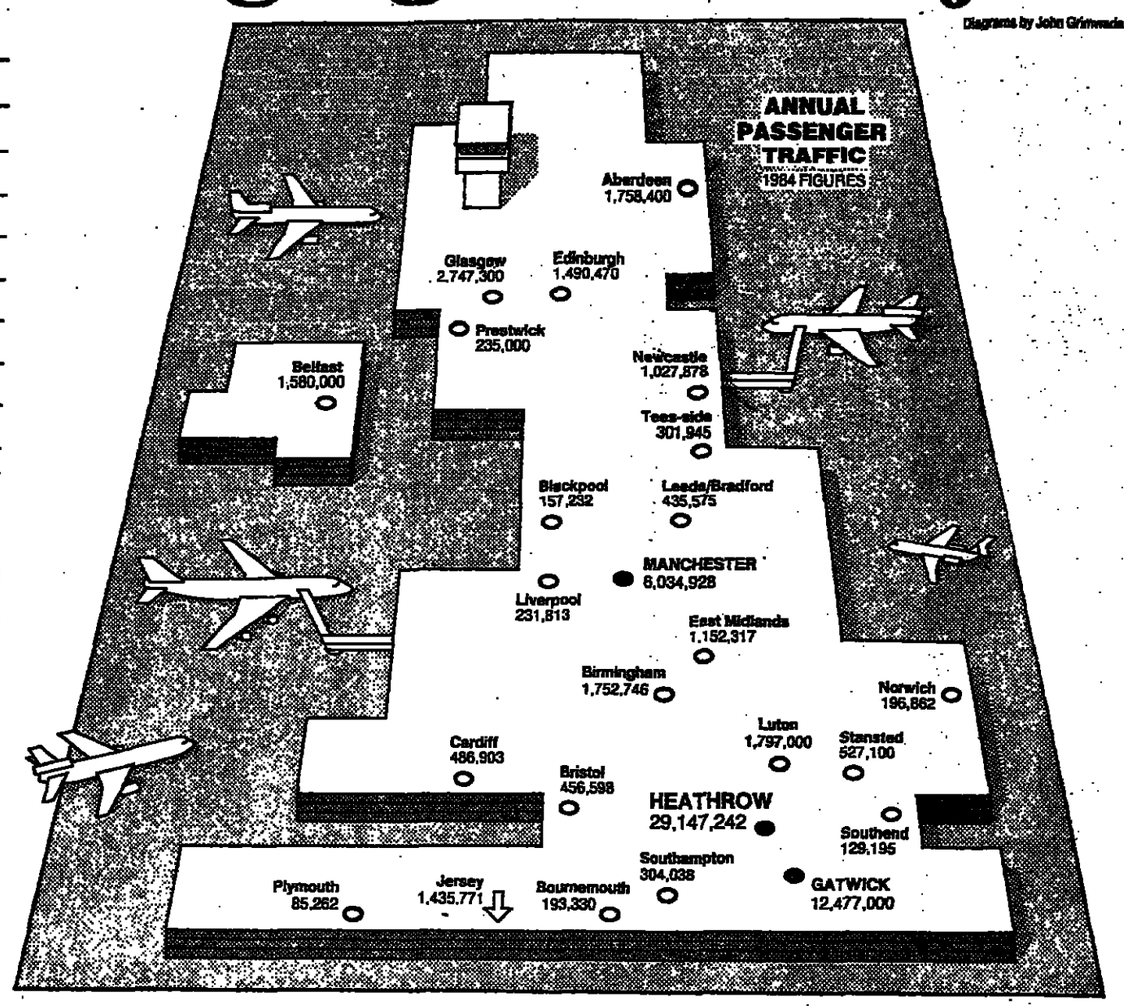
Smooth running of the airport depends on keeping such delays to a minimum. Mr Mike Perry, in charge of air traffic control, says that if a delayed aircraft misses its departure "slot" such is the pressure on the local and international system that it may be as much as two hours before it is given another.

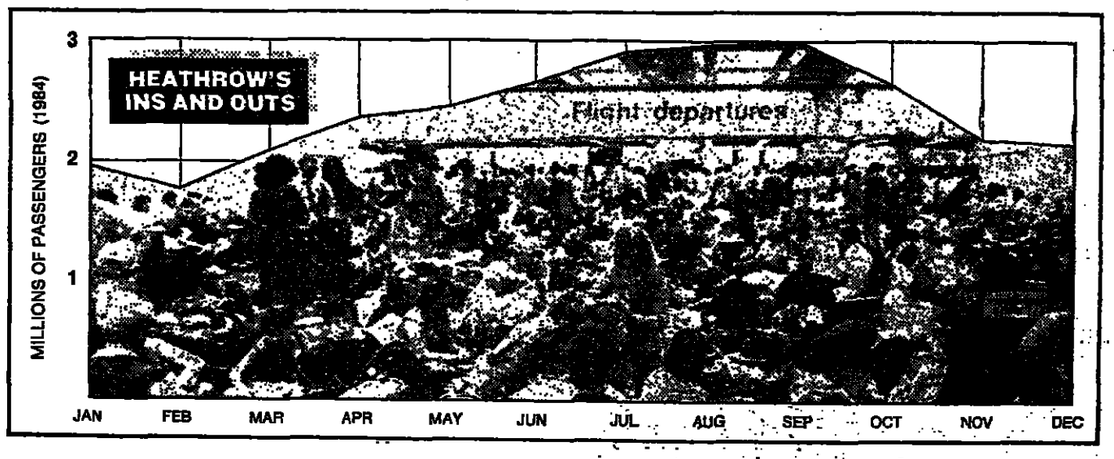
Heathrow can manage 71 aircraft movements an hour: 34 inbound and 37 outbound. "But to achieve peak figures everything has to be right – the right mix of aircraft and the right weather conditions", Mr Perry says. Peak performance also depends on the satisfactory functioning of instrument landing systems and demands careful synchronization with the international air traffic control system.

While the controllers tackle aircraft needs, chaplains in St George's Chapel, at the base of the control tower, attempt to control another sort of traffic. Father Brian Laycock, the Catholic chaplain, conducts a daily mass, hears confession and tries to sort out many problems, which include travellers who seek reassurance and others wanting to borrow money to get home.

"People die at Heathrow – they just keel over with cardiac arrest", he says. "They rush around carrying heavy suitcases, full of anxiety." He trimmed the sanctuary light as outside the 52nd jumbo of the day landed with a squeal of tyres and a roar of reverse thrust.

Diagrams by John Grinwade





A USER'S GUIDE TO LONDON'S AIRPORTS

HEATHROW: Possibly more geared to the needs of experienced jet-setters like businessmen than to holiday families.

It is wise to arrive at the airport by London Underground as the tunnel access for cars gets clogged. If you are using Terminal 2, allow yourself plenty of time for checking in and then pass swiftly into the departures lounge.

Tightly-packed cafeterias serving a choice of filled croissants and buffet meals jostle in one crowded terminal area for space. Downstairs there are shoe-shine girls and slot-machine amusements.

It is more airy and pleasant in Terminal 1, where British and Irish airlines serve domestic and European traffic. There are plenty of shops, and the restaurants offer a wide range of meals, with special menus for children. As in Terminals 2 and 3 there are toilets for the disabled and facilities for nursing mothers.

There is an amusement arcade and playpark on top of Queen's Building, as well as roof gardens and refreshments.

GATWICK: After a new terminal opens in two years, passenger capacity will rise to 25 million a year by the early 1990s. Future travellers would be wise to follow the sensible example of more than a third of today's passengers and arrive on the Gatwick Express from Victoria Station – reaching the heart of the terminal within 30 minutes.

Escalators from the refurbished Gatwick Station take you to the main concourse, where shops, banks and restaurants abound. Once checked in, you can head for the third-floor Gatwick Village, an impressive concentration of shops. Banking facilities and self-service food are available 24 hours. You can eat a leisurely meal in the Panorama Restaurant, with a view of the runways and Sussex countryside.

The nursing mothers' room is excellent. There is also a special assistance desk for the disabled and late-arrival passengers. One snag. Blind passengers have to rely on the information desk for flight calls. There are no loudspeaker announcements but computer-linked information screens.

STANSTED: In the midst of the Essex countryside it has an almost sleepy feel.

The one-floor layout allows easy access for wheelchairs or baby buggies, the car park is near and, once inside, you would be able to keep a relaxed eye on roaming children.

There are toilets for the disabled and a mothers' room, though this is rather cramped, with no facilities for heating foods, just a dressing bench and sink. The Skyshop has a limited range, although mothers will be grateful for the disposalbe nappies.

The self-service restaurant and bar are housed in the same area and you can eat or drink looking right on to the runway. No child portions were marked up on the menu board, although 7 oz. beakers of milk are available at 22p. Dishes from a servery start at £1.50.

Displays of flowers on the check-in desks brighten up the terminal, as does a gleaming marbled floor. There are no slot-machines or slot-button televisions in the main terminal, which houses departures and arrivals at separate ends.

LUTON: growing in popularity, with handy road access, a swift coach service from London and connecting buses to meet trains at Luton Station. The airport staff are particularly proud of their facilities for the disabled. Special lifting devices ease the transit from ground to plane, car parking is near and, as it is all on one level, you can propel a wheelchair easily. But you must warn the airport or your tour operator before arrival if you require special help.

There are rooms, but no cooking facilities, for nursing mothers. The Little Chef restaurant has waitress service, with tables looking out on a pleasant courtyard and fountain. In the Flight Path buffet, some elderly passengers were confused by the self-service system of collecting dishes from various points.

In the busy Navigator's Bar two barmaids tried to keep pace with lunchtime customers who had to queue. There are not enough seats.

The information desk girls seemed particularly helpful and make you feel you would like to use Luton again.

Britain's rival gateway

THE NORTH

The history of Manchester Airport has been one of steady growth and development. It now handles more than six million passengers a year and is planning a second terminal at a cost of more than £100 million.

Its success has been hard fought for, often in the face of apparent government indifference. But in the wake of a White Paper covering development at Stansted, the airport believes it is on the verge of expansion into an international "hub" rivalling Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Zurich.

A key element is government action on the bilateral agreements covering long-haul flights to allow more foreign carriers into Manchester without sacrificing Heathrow services in return.

Singapore Airlines waged a skilful and expensive advertising campaign to persuade Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, to allow the airline to operate from Manchester. They start a twice-weekly service in April. But the real test will come from American Airlines' application to commence a Chicago-Manchester service.

Mr Gil Thompson, the airport's chief executive, says: "Much positive mention of Manchester was made in the White Paper but we must seek continual demonstration of what appears to be the Government's support."

An internal discussion document, prepared by airport planners to back the campaign for development as an international hub, says: "It will no longer be enough to describe this airport as 'the gateway to the north' or even 'the better gateway for Britain'. In the future our authoritative definition of ourselves should rather be 'a major European hub airport and the alternative gateway to Britain'."

The airport, established in its present location 47 years ago, is jointly administered by Greater Manchester and Manchester City councils. It has made a profit almost every year of operation and in the last recorded figures, for 1983-84, showed a £14 million profit on a turnover of £48 million. Last year passenger traffic was up by 16 per cent and freight cargo increased by almost the same amount. It handled more than 92,000 aircraft movements.

Among regular travellers, Manchester has a reputation for friendly efficiency. The airport facilities are pleasant and rarely appear crowded. Officials at the airport are anxious to ensure that after last week's disaster and with all the intended development its reputation will not suffer.

The growth in Manchester, which began in earnest in 1978 following its designation as an international gateway has been reflected in other regional airports around the North.

The runway at Leeds-Bradford has been extended by 600 metres to 2,250 metres to cope with all large jets except Concorde, and a major programme of improvements is underway. The whole operation will cost about £23 million and officials expect the result to be a doubling of passenger traffic currently about 435,000 a year.

At Newcastle Airport, more than £10 million is being spent on improvement to the terminal, customs hall and passenger piers. Officials predict that last year's figure of 1.24 million passengers will increase to two million by 1990. The airport currently offers seven international destinations, mainly in Europe, but there are hopes that these will be increased.

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A COUNTRY DIARY

Fat duck for sale, only two owners

"To market, to market, to buy a fat pig;
Home again, home again, jiggety-jig."

Little children sing it, but grown men spend silent hours pondering over the purchase of pigs – and then think better of it. At least, that's what happens down at our market.

Market is perhaps too grand a word. It may well have been, once upon a time, a thriving centre of agricultural community, but no longer. Yet at least in its twilight years it has escaped the indignity of becoming fashionable. The boys from Chelsea do not Range-Rover it down here every Wednesday afternoon. Their avaricious little eyes do not pry, their grubby bank-pote-stained fingers do not turn over our cups and saucers "looking for marks".

A box of rusty chisels for £1.50

What would any of them know of real value, anyway? Would they appreciate the worth of an old freezer lid or a set of sweep's brushes so worn they would never be a threat to a lavatory pan?

My first visit to market was by accident. Fresh off the London train I came across a crowd of old boys in flat caps, cardigans and funeral faces muttering to each other at the £1.50 just paid for a box of rusty chisels. "Five zinc baths!" cried the auctioneer, and the old boys shuffled down the line of rubbish at their feet, carefully avoiding the lots as if they were the finest porcelain.

Zinc baths did he say?

"Twenty, anybody give me twenty?" he pleaded.

"Yes, twenty!" I cried on impluse.

"Twenty pence to the gentleman over there." And on the old boys shuffled to the half-roll of barbed wire and the broken gate.

Pence? Surely not. But it was. With forty quid in my pocket, I'd got enough to buy up the whole market and still have change for a new suit and a good night out!

Since then, it's been downhill all the way. Market day has become an addiction. I'm learning the hunched stance and practising the mutter. I have acquired a flat, greasy hat. Every other week it's the livestock sale as well. Only the threat of divorce has sold off the buying of the fat pig, jiggety jig.

But no threat could stop me capturing the wheelbarrow of my dreams. Fondly remembering a televised *Mansfield Park* which featured, in the outdoor scenes, a particularly fine oak wooden-wheeled specimen, I suddenly came upon its like: Lot 320.

I stood around for hours watching broken bicycle chains being sold (35p a time), a pig-tethering harness and a tea chest full of broken flower pots. After a vicious battle which would have done justice to the Amsterdam fine art auctions, I saved my wheelbarrow from the clutches of a chap who fancied it to fill with tulips in the spring. Vandal. Then came the meat-safe. Bidding for that brought me out in hot flushes. Again I won.

It gets confusing when the lot before yours goes unsold and is thrown in with the one you want. How else did I end up with not only a meat-safe but a chicken brooder-lamp with a broken glass and a painting of either a Stag at Bay or Poppies in a Cornfield, it is difficult to tell which. "It's a lot of picture for not much money", is a favourite cry of our auctioneer. We measure our art by the yard, down here.

But I will not have been truly blooded until I *sell* something at the market. I have to hand a pitchfork (one prong broken), five zinc baths, bought by some fool at auction and turning out to be thinner than silver-paper, and one duckling.

Art is measured by the yard

To all of you who have enquired of the latter's progress since I last wrote about him, Fred is putting on a pleasing amount of flesh. Thankfully, he has departed our bedroom and bravely sleeps in his private hut: but he remains the only duck which has to be brought indoors when it rains.

Fred would fetch a good price at market and we can honestly claim two very careful owners. We would, my wife insists, have to pass on his diet sheet and bedtime routine to his new owners. And what would we sing on the way to market?

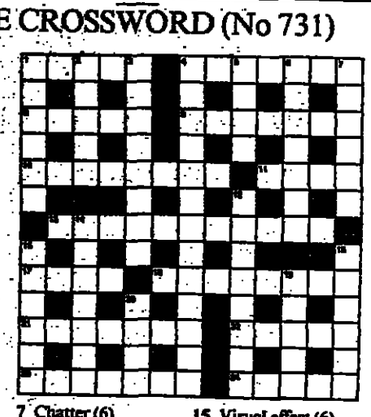
"To market, to market, to sell a fat duck:
Home again, home again, haven't the guts".

I suspect so.

Paul Heiney



CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 731)



ACROSS
1 Lukewarm (5)
4 Plush rail coach (7)
8 Keepsake (5)
9 Extract (7)
10 Total extent (5,3)
11 Cryptograph (4)
13 Weights system (11)
17 Identical (4)
18 Manmade object (8)
21 Copy (7)
22 Supply (5)
23 Shake (7)
24 School leave (5)

DOWN
1 Huris (6)
2 Infantile paralysis (5)
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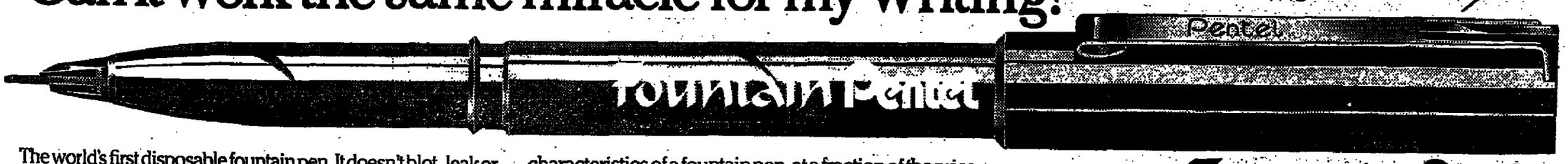
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The end of the pier show?

As the curtain falls on the traditional summer show, Alan Franks looks at the new style of seaside entertainment

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Pier group: a plea to audiences from Ken Dodd (left, starring in Scarborough), Freddie Starr (appearing in Great Yarmouth) and the traditional delights of Blackpool

This should have been the best time of year to look at the state of the British summer show. The trouble is that the state of the year itself has turned the exercise into a damp and deserted tramp along the rain-lashed promenades of the tourist coastline.

Deck chair canvasses flapping in the squall like sheets of stage lighting, ice-cream vendors drawing up the side flaps of their vans in the late afternoon, and somewhere from inside the husk of an old theatre the shrill attempts of someone billed unaccountably as a TV celebrity.

"I was in a pub last night and it was rough. *Rough?* It was so rough they had a pig behind the bar as an air freshener." Dutiful, determined laughter from an audience who are officially Having A Good Time.

"Thankyouladiesandgentlemen. Son takes home ugly girlfriend. Dad whispers that she's cross-eyed, toothless and bow-legged. Son: 'No need to whisper, Dad, she's deaf'."

And the older the jokes, the more densely peopled with fat landladies, dragon-featured mothers-in-law, and standard issue Irish drunks, the better becomes The Good Time. You know the landscape very well, for it is the same one that has been painted of the summer season for year upon year, perhaps even abetted at times by the comics' own lines in self-disparagement.

Surely then, there is something false about the picture, for dinosaurs do eventually (unlike some old comedians one could name) fade away. This year there are about 400 summer shows in Britain, at a total of 70 resorts, from Morecambe to Margate, Colwyn Bay to Cromer.

They range from the big name affairs such as the *Freddie Starr Show* at Great Yarmouth's Royalty Theatre, through the *Country Music Jamboree Show* (with Clinton Ford and Little Ginny) at the Hunstanton Princess, to the Maesteg Gleemen at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion.

On any of these wretched days of 1985, particularly in the lesser resorts, the summer show does have the reek of failure and decline not unlike the large suburban cinemas in the days just before the multi-screen era arrived. Yet the fact is that the English summer season is not so much dying as re-inventing itself in a newer, slimmed-down form to counter the hard economies of the theatre. It is what you might call Darwin's Theory of Showbiz.

This year, the major resorts with a strong tradition of summer shows, like Blackpool and Scarborough, are reporting good business, with second houses frequently running at 95 per cent or more. Of course, Scarborough has comedian Ken Dodd at the Futurist Theatre, and Blackpool has its famous North Pier, where Les Dennis, Vince Hill and assorted others are appearing in *Showtime '85*.

The North Pier is taken by many in the business to be one of the venues whose fortunes are a fair indicator of the general health of the summer show. If that is the case, then this year augurs well for the 1,564-seat auditorium has been full to capacity every night for the second houses, and frequently for the first.

This is particularly significant, for only last year, with a better summer and the big names of Lenny Henry and David Copperfield, the houses were down, and a major long-term decline looked possible.

A smaller resort, Frinton, is also reporting consistently full houses for a split programme of *A Shot in the Dark* and *How the Other Half Loves* at the Summer Theatre. Indeed the whole state of the business looks rather more buoyant than *The Stage's* summer show expert, Peter Hopple, suggests.

"I'm afraid the state of the art is not at all good at present, and this is largely because the big stars aren't prepared to appear for whole seasons," he says. "I agree, there are probably plenty of stars about, but they're only doing one-night turns. Many of the resorts find themselves with large theatres, and not very much to put in them. My clear impression is that attendances have fallen.

"Maybe there are some places which are picking up again, but I think one has to say it's unlikely that any theatre wants to say that business is going down and down, particularly at this time of the year."

In one sense Hepple is right to say that the summer show is dead, for it is not the creature it was, 20 years ago. Then it was common for performers to play seasons of 23 weeks, twice daily plus one day per week of three shows. Today the seasons are down to five or six weeks, sometimes playing for as little as two evenings, and alternating with wrestling bills or dancing nights.

The second major change to have come over the business, gradually at the start of the recession but then rapidly over the past five years, is the scaling down of productions. Gone are the set-piece extravaganzas involving a cast of dozens, an army of stage hands and a warehouse of props. The kind of show which was so popular in Blackpool 20 years ago would have cost about £50,000 to stage, with a cast of 40. Today the cost of mounting a similar venture has more than doubled in real terms.

For a start the top-line stars are able to command enormous wages – some are thought to be making more than £20,000 a week this year – in the certainty that it is *they* who are filling the houses.

The costs of transporting huge cumbersome sets by road has soared, as has the price of building them in the first place. Up too have gone the wage bills for technicians, theatre staff and musicians.

If the summer show is making a comeback, even in its reduced form, there are two main and connected reasons – the economy and the patterns of the international tourist system. By April of this year the English Tourist Board was reporting that bookings for British holidays were up by 15 per cent on 1984, and that European bookings had fallen by the same amount.

Forced to react to the lure of the package holiday abroad, the English hoteliers have spruced themselves up and are now beginning to recoup the trade.

This year, of course, that 15 per cent increase has proved to be a false dawn, for by the end of July, as the summer weather lay in ruins on the beaches and as the pound strengthened, there was a late flurry of migration to the sunspots of Spain and Greece.

The two biggest operators, Intasun and Thomson, found themselves offering a total of 81,000 extra European holidays, swelling their flight schedules by more than 50 a week, while the British resorts drowned the sorrows in rain.

One veteran star of the summer show is Ken Dodd, who is in no doubt that next season will see another upturn in its fortunes. Sitting in the newly refurbished Crown Hotel, high above the centre of Scarborough, he seems to epitomize everything that is durable about this eccentrically English form of entertainment.

In fact, since the passing of such old stagers as Arthur Askey, Dodd is the only major artist on the seaside circuit who can trace an unbroken career back to the mid 1950s, when, as a young man of 25 he found himself playing on the same bill as Morecambe and Wise.

"Oh, they've been writing off the summer show for years", he says. "You see, the trouble is that every year the town's newspaper, in whatever resort it might be, gives the show a right old roasting, complaining about the old gags and stale routines.

"But I'll tell you, even the old chestnuts like the landlady jokes, when they're properly delivered, are the best in the world."

Dodd is understandably proud of the fact that he first topped a bill in November 1954 at a tiny theatre called The Royal Court in Warrington – "it's now a supermarket, I think" – and has never had to relinquish that position since.

His belief, shared by Peter Hepple of *The Stage*, is that television has been a mixed blessing for the summer show; it may have thrown up some names which are big enough and good enough to pack them in at the seaside theatres but it has also produced some stars who are unable to make the switch from one medium to the other. "Not only are there many TV stars who don't really know how to talk to a live audience, there are the punters who say to themselves: 'Well, I can see him on TV any old night without having to fork out the £4' and so they don't bother to go along. I think this is something the managements have overlooked for a long time."

Dodd reckons that the true summer show star must be prepared to make radical alterations to his act and to his image every seven years or so. He also maintains that most of the best ones he has seen or worked with during his long career have started their professional lives as something else entirely.

"Most of them start out as tap dancers or drummers or something like that. I used to be a salesman, and I had a round, the same as I do now. Only these days, it's what I would call a laughter round, a giggle round, where you have built up a range of customers who know what you offer.

"But you can't stand still. Every seven years you have to pass a new test; you could call it the public responsibility exam. The audience gets fed up. They know you like an old friend, and like any other old friend they can get tired of you if you are always saying the same things. I have been a stand-up comic, going around the variety theatres and doing my act while they were clearing up after the Tiller Girls; I've been a ventriloquist, I've been a singer, then I created the Diddymen for the kids.

Dodd's story, however, is untypical, and for every Ken Dodd there are hundreds of mediocre hopefuls; his optimism for the summer show has to be seen in that context, for he remains so popular with live audiences that he can afford to eschew TV for years at a time and get on with pursuing his prime passion.

His own utopia would be a sort of Knotty Ash-by-the-Sea in which the licensing laws allow restaurants to remain open until two in the morning, rather than taking last orders at 11 pm, in which there is a scheme of apprenticeship for young comics wanting to learn their trade, and in which there is a council brave enough to build a vast solarium, advertising a guaranteed sun tan, with free sessions to compensate for bad weather and so taking a leaf out of *Costa Fortune* brochures.

He could hardly have picked a better, or rather worse year to make the plea.

Enter the real-life anti-heroine



PENNY PERRICK

I am worried about Royce and Mary and Sheryl, for what they want is not what they are likely to get and, worse, their preferences are being met with thunderous disapproval.

Royce and Mary and Sheryl are three of the real-life anti-heroines in a book called *Smart Women Foolish Choices**, which should have carried the more explanatory title "How to forget everything you've ever been taught about being a woman". As far as accentuating the feminist and eliminating the feminine goes, it is the sort of book that would be considered somewhat over the top by mesdames Friedan, Steinem and Greer. Which makes it all the more interesting that it has been written by two men.

Anyway, back to Royce, Mary and Sheryl and how they went to the bad. Royce, having moved in with Gary, did something he simply couldn't tolerate: "She stopped the energetic hustle that had been her style for so long . . . *and even planted a vegetable garden in the backyard.*" (My italics). Well, it wouldn't surprise you to know that this cut no ice with Gary. "This wasn't the free-spirited and ambitious woman he wanted . . . In short Gary felt taken in by Royce".

I am afraid that Mary behaved just as regrettably. "One night after an especially passionate session of lovemaking, she shared her fantasy with Tom about quitting her work for a while. Tom was furious".

Sheryl, wouldn't you know it, came a similar cropper. She moved in with David whose income "was more than enough to support them both very comfortably. Sheryl felt confident he would endorse her plan to take some time off to find herself". Guess what? He didn't. He was "disappointed and resentful that she had lost her sense of direction and ambition and now wanted to be taken care of".

The book's advice to Royce and Mary and Sheryl is to put away their foolish fantasies about growing runner beans, having babies and attending art classes, and to concentrate on getting some social approval. So I hope that after counselling by the authors, Dr Connell Cowan and Dr Melvyn Kinder, all three girls are now doing really lovable things like standing for vice-president or making millions out of nuclear waste.

In some ways, the words of Drs Cowan and Kinder are music to my ears. I loathe gardening and love my job and if these traits start to make me irresistible to men, you will not hear me complaining.

I also go along with what some of the authors' male clients have to say, like the one who admitted: "I'm surprised how often women seem to feel that asking about my life and career is interesting". You mean it isn't? You mean never again will one have to say to a man "You're in television/computer graphics/pork scratchings. That must be so fascinating. Do tell me all about it?" You mean they think that's boring? Goody.

Yet, seen in a wider context, the Cowan/Kinder philosophy is meretricious. Why should any man ever commit himself to the sort of woman that Cowan-/Kinder admire? There would be so little male/female interest in the situation that men might as well shack up with each other which, it seems, more and more of them are doing.

And if all women feel that they don't stand a chance of having what is commonly known as a "deep and meaningful" unless they are thrusting, ambitious and dedicated to their career, what's going to happen to all those life-enhancing things that unthrusting, unambitious women have always taken care of? Nurturing children and friendships, keeping a weather-eye for the lonely and dejected. Making sure that the child in the school play is watched, the frail relative is visited. If women become too frightened to do all this because men might walk out on them, what kind of a world are we creating for ourselves?

Perhaps I am over-reacting. What Cowan/Kinder say is one thing. What Cowan/Kinder do seems to be another. For although the book proclaims that "There is an increasing trend among successful men to value the support and real sense of partnership that a self-sufficient and career-orientated woman provides", it is dedicated to Sara "for always being there for me".

*Smart Women Foolish Choices, Published in America by Clarkson N. Potter.

House-training for beginners

What I, and every other house-hunter, need is a book on Good Manners for Property Seekers. How on earth does one indicate politely to a perfect stranger, whose des res one is currently inspecting, that one would be greatly obliged if they would move a suspiciously sited wardrobe so that one can check whether it is covering a patch of bulging, spongy damp rot? Is it permissible to flush the lavatory several times to check the plumbing? Can one nose around the larder shelves for signs of mice?

I know that I can't. I enlist every property on the estate agent's list as bashfully as a bride making her way to the altar. Feeling horribly intrusive, I can ask only the most banal irrelevances: is the boiler gas or oil-fired? Are they intending to leave the bedroom fitments? Are the cornice mouldings original?

What I'd really like to ask is whether I could stay the weekend to check that the mod cons deliver the goods, that draughts don't sneak through the sash windows and that the neighbours don't play non-stop Tina Turner on Saturday nights. But courage fails me. It seems that in house-buying as in marriage, there is no way of turning a gamble into a sure-fire bet.

Life in the day of a desert nurse

Paul Vallely makes a tour of the refugee camps with two British nurses working among the starving in Sudan



Angel of mercy: Sarah Barnes tries gentle persuasion to win a hungry child's confidence

The light is soft and the dawn air cool: this is the only time of day that the sandblown town of El Geneina is a pleasant place to be. In the thorn trees a thin chorus of desert birds begins to sing. Its litany is suddenly augmented by the chanting of the children in the Koranic school next door. It is 6am.

Ann Dalrymple-Smith, the senior Oxfam nurse in the Darfour region of Sudan, has been awake five minutes. She switches on her shortwave radio and the bare African room is invaded by the alien accents of the BBC World Service. Sarah Barnes snuggles obstinately into the bed of rope and wood which she bought in the local market along with the gaudy dress material which has become her sheets.

Ann, one of Oxfam's most experienced nurses, is soon up and dressed. She shoves a mug of coffee into Sarah's hand. "We don't often get coffee - the supplies aren't very regular in this part of the world", she says with early morning understatement. Three million starving Darfour peasants testify to the irregularity of supplies in this forsaken desert. They are as far from the Red Sea ports (and the food piled there) as they are from the Atlantic coast.

By 6.30 am they are in their Land-Rover having exchanged several volleys of good morning salutations and observations about the goodness of God with their Muslim driver, Ibrahim.

Their first stop is the refugee camp at Azerney. The rains have eased up recently and, though the sands are still as sticky as mud flats, by 7.30am they are in the feeding centre watching the Sudanese relief workers ladling out a pinkish grey sorghum porridge to hundreds of children sitting in long rows.

"When we first set up these centres we get up even earlier to be here at the start. Our basic job is to set up the systems and see that the local staff run them efficiently. We set very high standards because they always slip later.

"You teach by example; you walk along the lines and pick out those who aren't eating. You offer the child food and if it rejects it you inspect it. Often it is just thirsty, so you try water. It may have a raging fever, which you can treat. But most often it has the anorexia of starvation and no appetite. Then you have to force-feed it and encourage the mother to do the same.

"If a child doesn't want to eat, an African mother will just put the spoon down. You have to persist, spoon by spoon. Then, of course, the child vomits and the mother says 'told-you-so'. Then you have to start all over again. But eventually it works and then you feel fantastic."

"A lot of it is about letting the child die without fuss"

In Ethiopia, and in Sudan as well when the programmes first began, Ann and Sarah did this type of feeding for two hours solid, five times a day. Here in Darfour their job is to teach these feeding techniques and diagnostic skills to the Sudanese staff of the Islamic African Relief Agency.

"The main problem is dehydration – a lot of children die from it. It's easy to prevent and yet it's the biggest killer. Diarrhoea, fevers and chest infections all cause it and they are caused by dirty water, malnutrition and lack of personal hygiene. There is an enormous amount which can be done just through education.

"Our main problem is rush. In a hospital in London you'd feel overworked if you had five children to look after; here 50 means a quiet time."

The staff at Azerney are now well trained and all the nurses do is troubleshoot. "We go out on the tractor to find the water or firewood when it hasn't come. It's good for the tractor man to know how what he does fits into the general scheme of things."

Today's problem is in the kitchen where staff who cook the porridge in huge oil drums are worried that they are shedding rust into the children's food. "Scrub it with wire wool and if that doesn't work we'll sort out something on our next visit", says Ann.

Tasks are handed out. "Now remember about the firewood, the kitchens can't work without it", says Sarah from the seat of the Land-Rover as they prepare to leave Azerney.

"I will do it, *inshalla*", says the smiling woodman. *Inshalla* means, in literal terms, "if God wills it"; in practice it more often means "if I get round to it". "No, not *inshalla*", says the nurse with a look of mock ferocity. "Definitely. One hundred per cent."

"OK. Definitely. One hundred per cent – *inshalla*", replies the smiler, after the vehicle has begun to move. The nurses laugh.

At the camp's next feeding centre they concentrate on seeing that the children wash properly before eating. Ann helps with the water supply, Sarah wanders through the queue.

"You get to know them, of course. Not by name, but you recognize them by their clothes. There's one here we call the caterpillar because he wears a striped Babygro sent out from England. I have my favourite babies that I have special cuddles with."

But if there is room for affection there is none for sentiment. Nearby is a clinic run by the German Emergency Doctors. The different philosophies of the two groups cause tensions. Three of the Germans are gathered around a stretcher bed which holds a painfully thin child. They are trying, without success, to find a vein which has not collapsed in the child's body so that they can insert an intravenous drip to replace the lost body fluids.

Ann leaves their clinic with scarcely-disguised exasperation. "This is ludicrous. That child will be dead by tomorrow anyway. These people think they are still in Europe. All that nonsense about intensive care while they ignore the 30 children outside who could be saved." In Africa today, succour sometimes seems as much

"Sand gets everywhere . . . sweat pours off in rivulets of mud"

about death as life. Sarah's views have been moulded by working in Thailand, Nepal and Ethiopia. "We often see children who aren't going to make it. A lot of it is about letting the child die without fuss. Often you are working hard and a mother will ask you to stop; she will take the tube out of the child's nose and close its eyes. Then you have to think what is best for these people and not salve your conscience with aggressive treatment."

The child dies. Death is followed by lunch in the straw-fenced compound of one of the Sudanese workers. A liver is cut from a newly-killed sheep and fried. A tin of tuna is mixed with local lentils. Tomatoes and onions from the local market are chopped together. The nurses and their driver eat with half a dozen locals before leaving for the next feeding programme, two hours' drive away, at Kerenek.

It is 7 pm before the Oxfam team regains its little bungalow after a brief stop in the market place for food. Sarah buys six eggs – individually from different traders – and a few tomatoes. Back home there are tinned sardines and a tub of local halva, the sweetened residue of sesame seeds crushed to extract the oil.

It is too late and too dark for their usual bath (a bucket emptied over the head), so they eat straight away.

Over supper they talk of the situation which is deteriorating throughout Darfour. "Just as people warned it would", says Ann glumly. The mood is despondant rather than despairing. "It's not got to the stage where we're wasting our time, so long as there's even a bit of food we can do something."

The weather breaks. Flashes of sheet lightning illuminate the sky and fearsome wind, a haboob, rattles through the little house scattering papers. The air fills with sand.

"The haboobs are the things that really get me down here", says Sarah. "Sand gets everywhere. Everything you eat, everything you drink has sand in it. You begin to sweat a lot and it pours off you in rivulets of mud. That's what I hate most, that and the flies."

Before sleep she listens to a Sony Walkman and writes to her husband, Simon. She is 25 and they have been married for two and a half years, during which she has seen him for only two weeks every three months.

"He's a mature student, doing his Part IIs in law. He's a kept man, he doesn't get a grant, we live off my salary", she laughs. "I write to him every night. After his exams he's coming out here to visit. I shall try to find something useful for him to do."

As 11pm approaches she is in bed reading the last few pages of *The General* by C. S. Forrester. "What is it about? I'll tell you one thing, it's not about Africa. You need a bit of an antidote", she says and blows out the lamp.

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Too red for her shoes

Just how tame does the government want the BBC board of governors to be? So tame, it seems, that even Moira Shearer, former ballerina and actress and wife of veteran BBC broadcaster Ludovic Kennedy, is considered unsuitable to sit on it. Close associates of Miss Shearer, a member of the BBC general advisory council for seven years, have confirmed that she was asked 8 months ago by the BBC director-general, Alasdair Milne, whether her name could be put forward for the post of governor responsible for the arts. Miss Shearer said yes. When, weeks later, she had heard nothing, she asked Milne what had happened. She was told that the Home Office had accepted her nomination but Downing Street had rejected it. The post went instead to the Queen's cousin, Lord Harewood. Both Downing Street and the BBC refused to comment, but the assumption must be that she was rejected because her politics did not fit. Miss Shearer is not given to making public political statements, but in 1958 she campaigned for her husband when he stood as a Liberal candidate, and in the 1960s she advocated home rule for Scotland. Not heinous crimes, but enough, it seems, to condemn her as "unsound".

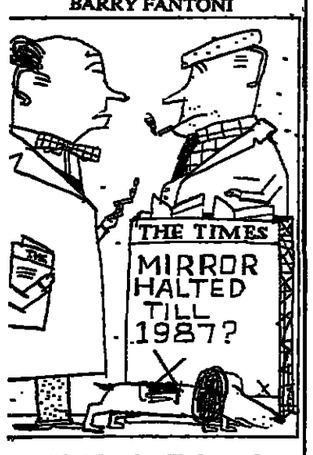
Cross talk

How damaging for Peter Walker were it to be shown that he had secretly discussed proportional representation with David Owen and Walker, a PR advocate, wants the Tory leadership: Owen would make PR a condition of any SDP coalition with the Tories after the next election). This could explain the extraordinarily vehement denials that ensued when Richard Bacon, editor of the Bow Group's *Crossbow*, suggested just that to Walker's PPS, Stephen Dorrell. Dorrell denied it on the telephone. The next day he wrote to Bacon saying he had checked with Walker and the tale was "a total lie". The day after that an MP close to Walker telephoned Bacon asking if he planned to publish and warning that he would get egg on his face if he did. Walker himself then wrote to the bewildered Bacon demanding to know "which liar fed you this story". Before Bacon could reply, Walker was on the phone, angrily denouncing both story and source. Unabashed, Bacon has recounted the whole episode in the forthcoming *Crossbow*, alongside an explanation of why the story could make sense.

White hot

Imagine the scenario. Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, calling at this autumn's Labour party conference for violent revolution in South Africa. Neil Kinnock, beside him on the platform, powerless to do anything but applaud dutifully as the television cameras zoom in. Far from impossible. Tambo will be speaking, and he will doubtless repeat the views he expressed in an article in this week's *Tribune*. Not once does he echo Nelson Mandela's wish for peaceful change. "The Pretoria regime has to be destroyed as a matter of the greatest urgency," he writes. "The armed struggle must and will be stepped up. . . . "Many white people will lose their lives. . . . Much property will be destroyed."

BARRY FANTONI



"But there's still plenty of places where you can get pictures of Robert Maxwell"

Open house

This is *not* one of those Irish jokes that Islington council has banned. Burglars, however, will find it hilarious. As part of a crime prevention survey, the council's police committee has asked householders to fill in a questionnaire giving details of total family income and times when people are out. Then, say the instructions, "put it in the plastic bag and leave it on your doorstep. It will be collected in the morning." You bet.

Northern slights

I cannot argue with. 100,000 witnesses. Before they *all* write to tell me that the Edinburgh Festival fireworks display was not rained off last Wednesday night and took place, as planned, on Thursday, let me admit the error. Indeed, it seems the lines from Edinburgh got well and truly crossed. Peter Searle, the festival's technical director, did not suffer a heart attack. His opposite number at the tattoo did. My apologies.

PHS

Archibald Aitken, still-living model for Billy Bunter, is taken to Boulogne by a writer in search of the truth about Greyfriars. In this extract from David Hughes' new novel, the fat owl and his friends are revealed at the forefront of 20th century history



After lunch in 1920; the Prince of Wales (alias Lord Mauleverer), Anthony Eden (Harry Wharton), Montgomery (Bob Cherry), J. B. Priestley (Johnny Bull), Nehru (Hurree Singh), T. S. Eliot (Fisher T. Fish) and Oswald Mosley (Harold Skinner)

Seven of the best

"When I first met my manservant," Aitken said pensively, "he was eighteen. I made the mistake of intoxicating him with Billy Bunter. I told him all the tales. And, do you know, he rather took to the ass. After that he utterly devoted himself to me, as no woman has ever done – not even Wallis Simpson."

"Who?"

"The Duchess of Windsor," said Aitken.

"Now look here. . ."

"Before her marriage, that is. Which reminds me, were you aware that her husband was the model for Lord Mauleverer in the stories?"

"Just a moment. . ."

"Old Richards had the nerve to pick up all the gossip about the young Prince of Wales going round the Fleet Street pubs – no question of royal assent – and then actually got a fan letter from David, *The Magnet* being required reading at Balmoral, saying what a jolly character Mauly was and how he intended to base his public career on the shining example of His Lazy Lordship. But that's by the way. I didn't myself meet David until 1920 at that luncheon I arranged in Boulogne."

"Luncheon in Boulogne?" I expostulated. "But we're just. . ."

"I know. Indulge an old man. I only possess a past. You'll be helping me bring it up to date. We'll try for the same table, though there were eight of us on that occasion." With a gulp he again drained his glass. "What a beano! I'm the only one left. Even Jack Priestley packed it in a while ago."

I tried to focus on Mrs Simpson. I saw her as young and slender and dressed in white. A vast and courtly Aitken was breathing a compliment in her ear. Yes? No, quite unacceptable. It can have been no accident that Bunter was portrayed in *The Magnet* as a phenomenal liar. Richards had known his man.

"As for Mr Quelch, the Master of the Remove," Aitken said, as we bumped against the dock, "Richards forged that mighty figure out of a synthesis of A. E. Housman and Jack the Ripper."

Yes, yes, oh, yes. I chewed a nut and looked at him. I let him finish his champagne and smack his lips. I willed him to admit that he was pulling my leg. The back-packs were already crowding at the gangway. We would soon be on foreign soil.

At the same time, one debated, what truth lurked beneath those airy efforts on his part to cast light on Greyfriars? Housman had ruined my youth with his sloppy verses set in a borderland of dreams; also the idea of Jack the Ripper had often frightened me into admiration, if only for his anonymous power. And, true, I had always sensed that dichotomy in Quelch. He would bear down on any boy for transgressing his iron standards; but next minute retire to his study and ponder poetics. If he were indeed an amalgam of two of the forces that had fashioned the twentieth century – perverted violence and a twisted sentimentality – I begged leave to wonder if Archibald Aitken was such a big liar after all.

At the sight of Aitken at the door the management was alarmed, then charmed. He offered a graceful apology for taking up so much room; his size was merely evidence, he claimed, of his respect for good food.

Duty done, comfort assured, Aitken sat back in a trance of anticipation over the bottle of Montrachet which a waiter whizzed to our table and gazed at the immensity of the bill of fare. As Aitken pored over the menu, savouring a dish only to reject it, balancing one delicious item against another, my mouth started to water, my mind to tingle. Never had I so relished someone else's open pleasure in an act of choice.

At last his mind was made up. He had only to raise a finger for Mme Lacoste to hasten to our table as though to throw herself into his arms, pad at the ready. I had no will left of my own. I would have what he had and be glad of it and pay with joy what we owed. Allowing for a few bits and pieces to taunt our appetite, Aitken began with *paloundes farcies*, he moved on to *sole dieppoise*, he settled for *canard aux petits pois*, he reached a conclusion with the *gigot d'agneau à la Bretonne*, then quickly added to that tasty climax a helping of *pommes dauphinoises* while popping in a sorbet after the duck.

"Ah, how my memory frolics," Aitken said. "In a matter of minutes we shall be eating the exact luncheon which I ordered for the Famous Five in 1920."

Oh Lord, the old sybarite was trying it on again! "Come on, Mr Aitken," I said amiably. "Out with the whole wretched thing. I've waited long enough. Are you trying to get me squiffy, so I'll believe anything you tell me? You must think I'm an absolute mutt."

Aitken said nothing. He flipped a slice of sausage into his mouth. His silence sounded hurt – and shamed me. I began eating too, if only to clear the fumes from my head. He crunched a radish.

"The lads had come back from the war," he said gently. "The war wasn't like school. Your friends weren't swished, they were killed. The headmaster was God, and you didn't know what on earth He was talking about." The stuffed clams reached the table in a cloud of steam, reeking to high heaven of garlic. "Was the era of jolly japes over, we wondered? Had teas on the lawn gone for good? Was there no longer any order, propriety or class?"

"But then" Aitken said, slurping a clam out of the shell, "I had such a great idea. *The Magnet* was still being published, for the delight of a new generation of schoolboys. There I still was, Billy Bunter, immutably on the cover, up to my usual tricks, asserting a normality that had vanished. All the other boys were dashing and flashing across the pages. I knew them. At least I knew by name one or two of them whom Frank Richards had used as models. So I wrote to those chaps, and they put me on to the others. I tried to make common cause with them. I suggested, as a start, that we form a luncheon club, and meet to have a whale of a time, and find ways of putting the ruined world to rights. I must admit, as now, that the food and drink came uppermost in my mind, which is why I proposed we all took a weekend off from our despair and meet here secretly in France, yes, in this very restaurant." I capitulated. "All right. Tell me who."

"Ah, now then, the seating plan," he said with renewed vigour, easing a fillet off the bone with skill. "HRH naturally took the head of the table, where that rapacious bank-clerk is gorging himself. He was Lord Mauleverer, if you recall. Next to him where the little girl is, sat Harry Wharton. Or Anthony Eden, if you prefer it. Then, in place of that fat old termagant, begging her pardon, Bob Cherry. And passing round clockwise, we have Johnny Bull – that avuncular chap wiping his moustache – then Hurree Singh, that's where the ugly one's tossing bread into her mouth, then Fisher T. Fish and finally Harold Skinner, that's the nubile little miss minding her manners, and then me, of course, W. G. Bunter."

"Who actually were the others?"

"I've just told you."

"I mean in reality."

"Reality?"

"Have your forgotten what it is?" I said with asperity. "Who, for example, was Bob Cherry based on?"

"Oh, Bernard Montgomery."

"And Johnny Bull?"

"That was Jack Priestley."

"And Hurree Singh?"

"Believe it or not, Jawaharlal Nehru."

"And Fisher T. Fish?"

"Some American poet fellow. What's his name? T. S. Eliot."

"And Harold Skinner?"

"Poor old Oswald Mosley."

"And where was Frank Nugent?" I asked, naming the only unmentioned member of the Famous Five.

"Well, that was Frank Richards himself, you know", Aitken said. "He couldn't manage it – or, to be truthful, I thought he might be an embarrassment, eating peas off his knife in front of all these well-bred fellows, so I didn't invite him. In any case he was probably too busy pounding out the next issue of *The Magnet* on his machine."

I laid down my knife and fork, my mind in riot. I glared at the table, focusing hard against the luminous mist outside, and the figures he had mentioned did seem for a blinding second to materialise. At one time or another they had all vaguely qualified as heroes of mine, just as their counterparts in *The Magnet* had. Sir Oswald Mosley? Well, no, of course not a hero, but then Harold Skinner had rarely risen above his role as a rotter, a vicious little snob with knobs on.

However, the whole notion was preposterous. Yet part of my mind, as inconvenient as a headache, wanted to believe those men, still in the cocky prime of their youth, with great futures ahead of them, had sat there with Aitken one summer noon building a promised land out of the wreckage of the Great War, laying their plans – the plans to which a few terms at Greyfriars had inspired them – for the future of politics, art and me. Already, as the bones of the sole were borne away and the duck landed on the table, they were mulling over the standards by which I now lived, perhaps even setting them. My society was potentially in their power. They could form it as they would: stamp all over it or fashion a utopia.

"And then I looked at them", Aitken said. "I saw that underneath they were still as eager as Richards had described them in his boisterous stories. But pomposity was creeping in. They were solidifying. Behaving as if they were famous. It dawned on me over the *canard* that there was little hope for our country if such men, whom Richards had put in the forefront of every schoolboy's idealism, didn't stop being fourteen and really make an effort – but here they were, my guests, just tuning up their personalities at one another's expense. They had lost the fellow-feeling they had at school. They were hiding under a cloak of jokes the agony they had felt in the war. They were polishing their egos, flat out for themselves. Far more like the cardboard inventions of some novelist than they ever were in class."

Aitken dispatched a mouthful of wine in several lingering swallows. "And of course they didn't take me seriously for an instant", he said, giving his plate a push. "I was as fat as ever. I hadn't fought in their bloody war. So they ignored my witticisms. They edged me out of their counsels. They treated me as a waiter. I kept saying that we all ought to get together at intervals, form a nucleus of good will and good sense, to stop our times going off the tracks, call a halt to the dottiness, fire people with the idea of a paradise that was surely within human grasp. But they just jested and drank and reminisced."

"I remember the Prince of Wales, when I pressed him for a commitment, tittering consumedly over the prospect of occupying the throne. Pandit Nehru wasn't much better. And that listless little gnome Montgomery, fingertips together, refusing to consume more than a few morsels of this munificent meal, frightening me to death with his strategy for the next war – even using the cruet to position his armies – which as a well-trained soldier he would do all in his power to bring about".

"They were all drunk, of course, except for Monty. That's why they ignored me. And I suppose then that I had a subtler part to play in influencing events. At least I knew that dear old England couldn't, must not, fall into the hands of my school chums. I couldn't let it be dominated and distorted and dashed by these fellows, simply because they were old friends, sharing with me the weekly pages of a paper that was teaching far more in schools than the form-rooms were. All they wanted, for their own glory, was to repeat the horrors we had already suffered."

I dozed mostly on the boat home. During the intervals my thoughts toyed with that group sitting through lap after lap of indulgence in the restaurant so long ago, with the world at their feet. Aitken snored. I didn't believe a word of his view of things. More likely Aitken, in his longing to be Billy Bunter and recognized as their head, had allowed envy to corrupt his version of what happened. Surely the real fact was that all these men – Nehru and Eden, Eliot for sure, Priestley perhaps, even Mosley – were blind and boring idealists, and it was this that had terrified our host.

I felt my logic tottering, but I realized with the wisdom of wine that the effect of food and drink on Aitken was to reverse the truth: not just to fail to tell it or at the very least to pay it lip-service, but to stand it on end – where it swayed as dangerously as an alcoholic attempting a somersault. The sadness was that the men at that lunch shared a vision of the future that firmly excluded Archibald Aitken. Here was a fat man content, then as now, to let things slide. If he made any effort at all it would be towards anarchy, folly, revolt.

He resented, as he had at school, their unity of diverse but well-matched ego, which excluded him, if only for his interest in food and drink, fun and games. By seeming inferior to them, he had been made to feel a child. His gusto, the storm of life that blew through him, his refusal to accept rules let alone obey them, had quite properly dismayed those men on the make.

They were all aiming at power. So they had dismissed Aitken, now as an ample reminder of the middle class questioning their ambitions, now as a comedian who would laugh their plans away.

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Blame anyone but Reagan

Washington

One specific name is linked to every problem or gaffe that has beset the Reagan administration: the despatch of US forces to Lebanon (George Shultz); cuts in social security (Donald Regan); military aid for the Nicaraguan contras (Robert McFarlane); the president's visit to the Bitburg military cemetery in West Germany (Michael K. Deaver).

On the credit side, it was James Baker who won Senate approval for the sale of Awacs early warning aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Edward Teller – though some say George Keyworth, the White House science adviser – who got Star Wars research adopted as administration policy.

Anyone but the very slow of wit will have noticed that one name is missing: Ronald Reagan. As leader of the free world, didn't he figure in any of these developments? The answer is yes, but not so that you would notice. In Washington, Aide Chic prevails – among bureaucrats and lobbyists, conservative zealots and journalists (including me, I confess), Capitol Hill functionaries and party officials. Indeed, whenever two or three political junkies are gathered together, talk turns to aides, particularly White House aides. Who's up? Who's down? Who has Reagan's ear? Who hasn't? Who is the real architect of this policy or that? How close is so-and-so's office to the Oval Office? And so on.

The fixation on aides would be merely a fatuous pastime if it were not for the press. Reporters are more obsessive on the subject than anyone else, and story after story dispatched to the outside world reflects this. Major policy decisions–whether, say, to jettison mutually assured destruction and opt for a strategic defence–are seen as a result of who got to Reagan at what time on which day. True, Reagan is not a lode of facts and precise analysis on many topics, but he is not quite an empty vessel either. He is, in fact, the most ideological president of this century (maybe ever).

By dwelling on aides, by portraying their role as ever pivotal, the press manages to let Reagan off the hook on specific decisions and policies. It is as if he plays no part at all, other than to accumulate the advice of his aides on some issue and, after a robotic calculation, declare one faction or another the winner.

A striking example of how the Washington press corps's obsession with aides limits Reagan's accountability is the Bitburg controversy. At every juncture, aides took the blame. Deaver was singled out for scheduling the cemetery stop in the first place. His excuse that the SS graves were covered with snow the day he reconnoitered the cemetery was brushed aside as laughably inadequate. Patrick J. Buchanan, the White House communication director, was faulted for Reagan's excuse that the German soldiers buried at Bitburg were as much victims of Nazism as were Jews killed in the Holocaust. And Regan was blamed for not instantly smelling trouble.

In fact, Reagan was the moving force behind the Bitburg stop. He was persuaded to go there in a personal conversation with the West German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, and in subsequent talks with Kohl he became convinced the visit should not be scrubbed.

Nor was the ill-fated deployment of the marines in Lebanon his responsibility – that is, if you followed the press accounts. The policy in Lebanon was treated as part of a feud between Shultz and the Defence Secretary, Caspar Weinberger. Their prolonged spat framed the Lebanon debate: Shultz wanted the troops in, Weinberger didn't. Shultz won the argument, then suffered for it when several hundred marines were killed.

The deaths of the marines might have caused political repercussions for Reagan last year. If Shultz had been the Republican presidential nominee, he might have lost the election as a consequence. As it was, he did not even lose his job.

On arms control, the level of responsibility goes even lower than Shultz and Weinberger. It is the two Richards whose feuding is the engine of this policy. Richard Perle, an assistant secretary of defence, is the hard liner, and Richard Burt, once an assistant secretary of state but now ambassador-designate to Germany, is the voice of moderation. Depending on who won which argument between the two, such was the arms control policy of the Reagan administration. Or so it has been written.

There has been one notable exception to this general rule: David Hoffman of *The Washington Post*, attributes a major role in Star Wars to Reagan himself. Hoffman wrote last March that as early as 1979, Reagan had become intrigued by the possibility of a missile defence system. When advised in March 1983 that Congress would never fund another offensive missile system, he decided to propose Star Wars instead. "Reagan, who knows relatively little about the complexities of weapons systems but often has been captivated by dramatic ideas," Hoffman said, "thought it was time to put the idea of strategic defence before the American people."

As you might expect, Reagan's aides discovered early on the political value of transforming themselves into sponges for blame. The more they soak up, the less trouble the president faces. After Reagan performed badly in the first presidential debate last October, they selflessly and shamelessly exploited the penchant of the political community and the press to concentrate on them instead of Reagan. In the days immediately after the debate, Reagan's mental competence, his health, and his age suddenly came under discussion. Senator Paul Laxalt, Reagan's horseback riding chum and campaign manager, exclaimed at a press conference that the president had been "brutalized by a briefing process that didn't make any sense." Didn't this have the effect of drawing attention away from Reagan and on to those who coached him for the debate, columnists Jack Germond and Jules Witcover ask Baker in their new book, *Wake Us When It's Over?* Baker smiled at the question. "You've just discovered the secret of the Teflon presidency," he said.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

The mind simply shoggles

Several times in Edinburgh this last week people have urged me to throw my rubbish into a bucket. There has never been a bucket throughout the place, so I have been forced to use a litter bin or waste paper basket instead. It has only gradually dawned on me that's exactly what they meant and that the word bucket has a special meaning in Scotland: something you throw rubbish into.

A new book from the Aberdeen University Press, the *Concise Scots Dictionary*, confirms my moderately inspired guess. A bucket can be a plain bucket, or a quantity of drink, as in "He can take a fair bucket", or a receptacle for rubbish. Bucket, then, is a far more useful word in Scotland than it is in England. The English simply do not have a general word for a rubbish receptacle: dustbin, litter bin, waste paper basket, these are all specialized words which cover only a few situations.

Some situations do not seem covered at all. What do you call that silly kind of rubbish bin which hangs on the inside of doors under kitchen sinks? Well, in future I'm calling it a bucket. I'm calling them all a bucket. The English will just have to understand me the best they can.

Browsing through the dictionary I have found other words which fill other needs. Dreep, for instance. This means to hang from the top of a wall by the full stretch of your arms and then drop off. There's no word for that in English. If you have a friend stuck on top of a wall in England, you have to shout: "Hang from the top of the wall by the full stretch of your arms and then drop off!" How much simpler to shout "Dreep!".

I see that "A knot in the pudding" is a vernacular expression for a strangulated hernia, a phrase that may well come in useful, especially if one dreeps from a high wall in the wrong way. Another word new to me is Kelty, as in "To give someone kelty", which mean "To force a large alcoholic drink on a person who has tried to avoid drinking". In fact the very concept is new to me, as in my experience anyone who tries hard to avoid drinking is left severely alone by other drinkers. It must be a Scottish ceremony that has been kept a dead secret.

Even when Scots words have the same meaning as English words, I often find them preferable. In a Glasgow magazine I read a reference to "shoggly hand writing", meaning wobbly, and I have to say I prefer Shoggly. Many years ago I learnt that the Scots word for horsefly is Cleg, which sounds more like a vicious little insect than horsefly does, and I also learnt that Plouk is the word for spot or pimple; if you have ever been a teenager, as I was at the time, you will know that plouk is an excellent descriptive word.

The great thing about this vocabulary is that it is not just fitting in a dictionary; people really use it. For instance, my Scottish cousin Laurence said to me last time we met that he was feeling a bit peelie-wally, which is a hundred times more suggestive than feeling a bit off colour, and I've been longing to use the word ever since. Unfortunately, my plans have been thwarted by a run of good health.

The one thing that surprises me about the dictionary is that there seems to be no word imported into Scotland from the Italians, and you don't have to be in Edinburgh very long before noticing that the Italians are perhaps the biggest foreign community after the English. The Italians have taken over huge areas of the catering business, from ice-cream to fish and chips.

I passed by a restaurant the other day called Pepe's Taverna, which sounds like a mixture of Spanish and Greek, but as this is Edinburgh its two featured dishes were pizza and spaghetti; in fact, you can't walk more than about 100 yards in Edinburgh without the smell of pizzas creeping up your nostrils.

So pervasive is the Italian influence that a new restaurant called the Xanadu is advertising that it features "Italian and semi-Cosmopolitan cooking" as if there were only two kinds of cooking in the world: Italian and any other kind. The word that really worries me is semi-Cosmopolitan. Does this mean nearly foreign? Or non-Italian? Or wrapped up in a French newspaper ready to carry out? I looked up the word in the *Concise Scots Dictionary*, but could not find it anywhere. Could we have it in the second edition, please?





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A HARD HARVEST

The way the weather has been coming is a torment to farmers, but at least it is doing something for their public relations. Set now beside that popular image of harvest home – brimming grain wagons trundling into intervention to the ironic cheers of urban eater-taxpayers – is the photograph of Farmer Giles, of doleful countenance, kneeling in gum boots amid his winter wheat that is stretched, diseased and sprouting. There are fewer fulminations against the black ash of straw burning now that it seems they will be lucky if they can put a match to the stuff at all. As for ecological panic about the disappearance of England's wetlands, there suddenly seems to be nothing else under foot.

The truth is visible once again that there is more in farming than a feather bed. Not that the cereal harvest is yet to be written off as a failure. It is still fairly early in the harvest season, at least by an older reckoning. Some farmers have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of the grain they have managed to garner in. Machinery well capable of lifting lodged crops is ready to go, given any kind of dry interlude. But it will be a costly harvest to save, and the bumper crest of it, indicated earlier by larger acreages and higher yields, may be knocked off. If that is how it is in France and Germany as well, so much the better for the solvency of the Common Agricultural Policy.

If criticism could kill, the CAP would be dead by now. Among the latest shafts to pierce the target is one from the Comptroller and Auditor General, who casts the cold eye of accountancy over it, and another from the Institute of Economic Affairs which has rounded up seven German professors in the current issue of its journal who take a joint swipe at the CAP with few academic inhibitions. They are evidently not to be held responsible for their country's agricultural minister. He it was who played a lone hand in the Council of Ministers this year to block as excessive a proposed reduction in the cereal guarantee so modest that it did not even achieve what the CAP's own rules required. So much for reform.

The auditor general's first criticism is a professional one: that the objectives of the CAP are various and likely to conflict, and because they are not expressed in terms of criteria or quantified targets, the policy does not lend itself to evaluation of its effectiveness. Nevertheless he manages to make a comparison of the CAP's achievements with its costs.

The achievements are large increases in agricultural output, yields and labour productivity; farm incomes in the U.K. initially falling but in the present decade improving similarly to those outside agriculture, though with wide regional and sectoral variations; supplies assured; and the real price of food falling significantly since 1979, "albeit often above world market prices".

The costs have been heavy. Production in excess of domestic requirements has yielded mounting structural surpluses in nearly all the main commodities that cannot be sold without the application of large export subsidies. These transactions depress and distort world markets and are liable to provoke retaliatory measures from the Community's trading partners, notably the United States. The cost of guarantees, and of storing and disposing of the surpluses represents "a significant transfer of resources from the consumer and taxpayer to the producer, which has served to stimulate the agricultural sector at the expense of other sectors of the European economy".

The German professors also rehearse these objections and underline others. They emphasize the adverse effect the protection-cum-dumping mechanism of the CAP has on developing countries. They assert that in the Community as a whole food costs 25 per cent more than its world price. (The auditor general could find no systematic calculation of that kind later than 1980 when the ministry put food prices in the United Kingdom at 8-10 per cent higher than if subject to world market forces.) They also bring out how much of the cost of the CAP leaks away into the expenses of administration – as it does into inflated land prices, though that is beginning to correct itself.

The auditor general recommends improvements in cost-effectiveness by sharpening up the definition of the CAP's objectives, and by disentangling its market-stabilizing support for production on an economic basis from its social or political support for rural communities burdened with uneconomic holdings or enterprises.

The professors would send in the bulldozers, clearing away by degrees levies, guarantees, subsidies, the lot, making way for the bracing regime of free trade in agricultural products. This might not be too terrifying at least for the more efficient cereal farmers. In Britain and France they are growing wheat as cheaply as farmers in the United States, where inputs are half as much but so are yields.

World markets in agricultural products, however, are anything but pure. It is not a question of the Community joining in the benefits of a world-wide free market there for the taking. A free market would have to be created and made secure first, if European farming were not to go down in exemplary ruin.

And another point. Current European competitiveness with the American prairies has as much to do with movements of the exchange rate as it has with the relative efforts or skills of the producers. To expose agriculture to the full effect of the gyrations of currencies, as it is already exposed to the full effect of the weather, would be to add significantly to the elements in his business over which the farmer has no control. A price would be paid for that in respect of confidence, investment and the adoption of long views in the industry.

Almost everyone agrees that the Community's agricultural regime cannot be allowed to remain as it now stands. There is less agreement about the direction in which it should be moved, and less still about the measures required to move it – though the price mechanism is surely to be preferred to any further juggling with quotas and their concomitants, bureaucracy and inflexibility and fraud.

This much perhaps is also common ground: in getting from here to wherever it is to be, those engaged in the industry should be afforded reasonable time and given a modicum of assistance in making the necessary adaptation or effecting the necessary exit, sufficient for the avoidance of widespread depression in the countryside.

It would be a pity to add rural slums to inner-city decay even in the cause of national efficiency. The other limb of criticism of the CAP, other that is than criticism arising from its cost and structural surpluses, is that it creates pressures deleterious to the conservation of the countryside, its flora and fauna, its appearance, its historical lineaments, and its amenity. With the financially hardpressed farmer some of these considerations go by the board. Depression, no less than productivity-powered affluence, is a cause of rural degeneration.

CLOSER TO CIVIL WAR

The second round of peace talks to settle the deeply entrenched communal rift in Sri Lanka collapsed in discord last week. It had been expected that they would provide the framework for a resolution of the Sinhalese-Tamil conflict. Instead they became lost in the cavernous divide that separates the two sides.

Worse still, with the entailed embarrassment of the Indian government, which had sponsored the talks, the best remaining hope of resolution has faded. Now Sri Lanka is not just back to square one but very possibly on the brink of civil war.

The primary responsibility for this outcome rests with the authorities in Colombo. At the June summit between Sri Lanka's President Jayawardene and Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, which laid the foundations for the three-months ceasefire and the Bhutan negotiations, the Sri Lankans appeared to be willing to accept reality and make meaningful concessions to the Tamils. It was understood that these would include a substantial devolution of power. In turn the Indians cajoled the Tamil guerrillas, based in South India, into forsaking their demand for an independent Eelam.

Yet when the two sides met in Thimpu for their first set of talks the Sri Lankan team failed to match that expectation. The peace process was saved by an adjournment and by the time the second round began earlier this month, the Indians had secured reconfirmation from President Jayawardene of his willingness to compromise. Indeed on this occasion the president even went on record claiming that he was confident of "good results". But, back at the negotiation table, his delegation once again had little to offer, and as tensions on the island flared up with the massacre at Vavuniya, the Tamil delegates walked out of the talks.

The Tamils, it is believed, would have settled for control of finance, education and law and order. Certainly Mr Rajiv Gandhi had repeatedly and publicly committed himself to supporting no more than the sort of devolution given to the States in India; which he explained, was "considerably less than the American federal system". If President Jayawardene had offered as much Mr Gandhi could have seen to its acceptance. But the Sri Lankan president was unable to defy his own right wing and the Buddhist clergy, both of whom have refused to countenance any real devolution of power. Consequently, all that was offered was a repackaged version of the district council scheme already rejected by the Tamils in 1984. In the circumstances it was bound to be unacceptable.

For their part the Tamil guerrillas did not assist a solution by formally tabling what they called a "liberation charter". In it they demanded from President Jayawardene recognition of a distinct Tamil nationality, of a Tamil homeland and of their right to self-determination. On the face of it, these claims contradicted any willingness to compromise.

Yet while the peace process was on the Indian government could have reined in Tamil demands. With its collapse India's capacity and perhaps its willingness to do so could now be in doubt. With a fifty-million strong Tamil population of his own to consider, at best wary of Mr Gandhi's pressure tactics, he cannot easily repeat his strategy even if Colombo has a sincere and convincing change of heart. Perhaps this is why he has chosen instead to expel some of the more belligerent guerrilla leaders. It may be a way of putting fresh pressure on the Tamils to make their own concessions, but that is unlikely. Instead, it would suggest that Mr Gandhi is washing his hands of the problem.

This leaves the Sri Lankan government to face the Tamil guerrillas on its own. Already the island is effectively split between an embittered Tamil north and east and an unrelenting Sinhalese south and centre. The present flood of refugees towards the areas where their respective communities dominate will further exacerbate this divide. And with the guerrillas having called off the ceasefire, the possibility advances of protracted and bloody civil war.

MEP pay and pensions

From the Head of the London Office of the European Parliament

Sir, The Home Office memorandum on "pay, pensions and taxation of members of the European Parliament", submitted to the House of Commons Select Committee on European Legislation, appears muddled.

First of all, it considers MEPs to be "state representatives", which is constitutionally questionable. By analogy, are members of the House of Commons county, borough or city representatives rather than parliamentarians elected by electorates assembled in independently-delimited constituencies?

Secondly, the Home Office memoradum refers to "State representatives in any other forum", which in the context appears to imply that members of the House of Commons who sit in the Council of Europe, Western European Union and North Atlantic assemblies are "state representatives". Do the members of that house share this view?

Thirdly, the memorandum rightly states that members of the European Parliament are "no more Community servants than members of a national Parliament are civil servants".

Significantly, the memorandum makes no reference to the judges of the European Community's Court of Justice, who are cerainly not "state representatives". Nor are they civil servants, any more than members of the British judiciary would accept such a classification. Yet members of the court, irrespective of nationality, are paid and taxed under Community provisions.

Members of the European Parliament are thus in a quite separate category, for they are not nominated by member governments (unlike members of the European Commission, Court of Justice and Court of Auditors), they are not real state representatives (i.e., national government ministers and officials sitting in the Council of Ministers), and they are not Community or national civil servants.

The Government argues that MEPs' "tax status should be the same as the people they represent", but such a case should be based on its own merits and not on confused analysis or false parallels.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER BROAD,
Head of London Office,
European Parliament,
2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
August 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prison population rates compared

From the Governor of Durham Prison

Sir, Peter Evans reports (August 20) the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders as saying that "More people go to prison in the United Kingdom than in other West European countries". What he failed to make clear is whether Nacro's figures refer to actual rates of imprisonment (i.e., numbers per year) or simply the total number held in prison.

There is no dispute that the United Kingdom has a higher total prison population than other West European countries, both in terms of absolute numbers and in proportion to the national population. However, these figures can disguise the fact that high total populations are not necessarily the result of high rates of imprisonment.

Catherine Fitzmaurice and Ken Pease, in research published in *Justice of the Peace* (September 18, 1982): "Prison Sentences and Population: A Comparison of Some European Countries", demonstrated that, in England and Wales at least, the prison population problem has less to do with the number of people who are received into custody than the sentence length given to those received. For example, they showed that we imprison fewer of our citizens than the Netherlands and Sweden, but because we imprison them for much longer our prison population is proportionately much higher.

In the face of the continuing rise in our prison population this is clearly an important factor which needs to be considered in discussion of the problem by Nacro or any other organization. It also casts doubt upon the long-term effectiveness of Andrew Rutherford's exhortation (feature, August 20) to follow Winston's lead.

Whilst a reduction in the number imprisoned for petty offences would certainly assist the problem, its ultimate resolution will also need to incorporate serious consideration of the high average sentence length in England and Wales.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR PAPPS, Governor,
HM Prison,
Old Elvet,
Durham.
August 21.

Roman cookery

From Mr J. E. Dussek

Sir, It seems unreasonable that your book reviewer's personal gustatory and olfactory sensitivities should be allowed to weigh so heavily that Apicius's Roman Cookery Book is dismissed in such a facile way. ("Books in Brief", August 10).

Not many, if any, cookery books have been extant since the the first century AD (as this one has) and were Mr Howard to put aside his prejudices and try some of the recipes, he would find them startlingly refreshing.

He should try, for example, sea crayfish cooked in a sauce of cumin, parsley, mint, pepper, lovage, honey, vinegar and of course garum, or perhaps he would enjoy fish rolled in ground salt and coriander seed, then stewed in its own juice.

And why such a fuss about garum? It can still be bought in England, and is easily found in Oriental food shops, only it is now called fish sauce or *Nuoc mam nhi*. Certainly it smells vile in the bottle, but after cooking it is like any other strong fish stock.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. DUSSEK,
Tebolds,
The Street,
Plaxtol,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
August 13.

Letter from a Queen

From Mr Richard Tolson

Sir, The "point of etiquette" alluded to by John Cobbett in his footnote to the political writings of William Cobbett (letter, August 22) was described by Charles Greville – not yet Clerk of the Council in Ordinary – thus:

The Queen's letter was brought to the King whilst he was at dinner (at the Cottage). He said "Tell the Queen's messenger that the King can receive no communication from her except through the hands of his Ministers". Esterhazy was present, and said he did this with extraordinary dignity.

The date of this entry in Greville's journal is July 14, 1820.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TOLSON,
94 Talbot Road,
Highgate, N6.
August 22.

A new Blue Ribband

From the Director of the British Maritime League

Sir, Last week we were all stimulated by Richard Branson's abortive attempt on the fastest eastbound crossing of the Atlantic, then momentarily anxious for him and his crew, finally disappointed that the boat was lost.

But was that loss the sea's warning not to take its moods and power for granted? Joseph Conrad was quite clear: "I have known the sea too long to believe in its respect for decency;" so was Prince Bernhardt's statement that "fear of the sea is the beginning of maritime wisdom."

BBC1's excellent documentary on Sunday showed what thin shoestrings held the project together. Good communications, precision position-fixing and personal guts and discipline avoided a disaster, but a minor change in weather or a more remote point of sinking could have overwhelmed those advantages, and maybe also the search and rescue services, themselves too placed at great risk.

The United States, 53,329 GRT, 37th ship to hold the Blue Ribband eastbound (35th westbound), carried some thousands of passengers and crew in great comfort and luxury, and the fuel for the voyage. At record speed she burnt as much oil in an hour as the Challenger should have used with three refuellings for the whole crossing.

The latter's description as a toy boat was hardly unreasonable compared with even the smallest trans-Atlantic "greyhound" of the last 147 years, for which the Hales trophy was eventually provided in 1935.

Surely this project ought to have had wider aims than just breaking a 33-year-old record held by an entirely different class of vessel, quite incidentally to its primary purpose.

Passengers no longer travel far by sea except on cruises, but 99 per cent by volume of our trade and essential imports do, and always will – in war as well as in peace; the protection of that shipping is vital in the face of nuclear-powered real submarines, many now capable of well over 40 knots submerged.

Should not new conditions be drafted for the Hales trophy aimed at advancing the design and performance of commercial or naval vessels operating in Atlantic conditions? If so, my conditions would include:

1. High speed (of course greater than the Blue Ribband liners).
2. Self-sufficiency in fuel for the crossing (no stops in transit).
3. A genuine payload for some commercial or naval purpose.
4. Good seakeeping; a comfortable ride at speed, up to sea state 6 or 7.
5. Safety and seaworthiness in all weathers ("A small leak will sink a great ship").
6. Minimum cost.

Lady Houston and the Schneider Trophy led to the incomparable Spitfire. The America's Cup, once the rules changed to allow smaller yachts, has spawned many new ideas that have found wider application. Why not redeploy the Hales trophy, preferably helped by some wealthy sponsor, to stimulate other sectors of the free world's vital maritime capabilities?

That should attract Richard Branson and Ted Toleman, but please not to build another toy. "He who is shipwrecked the second time cannot lay the blame on Neptune."

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RANKEN, Director,
The British Maritime League,
19 Bevis Marks, EC3.
August 21.

Safety questions in aircraft crashes

From Mr Alistair Macleod

Sir, The Manchester disaster must once again focus the minds of the travelling public and of the Civil Aviation Authority to the problems in evacuating an aircraft in an emergency.

The CAA must make an urgent reappraisal of the 90-second evacuation rule. This test should be carried out in a smoke-filled cabin where visibility is near zero. Legislation to require cabin floor gangways to have emergency illumination, to assist in a smoke-filled evacuation, should be introduced without delay.

Such an appraisal may result in additional emergency exits being needed in high-density aircraft which are used for inclusive tour traffic.

British Airways recently received permission from the CAA to block off two over-wing emergency exits on its 747 jumbos to allow additional passengers to be carried. In the light of recent events it would be a responsible gesture for British Airways to shelve such plans until the evacuation question has been thoroughly debated. American Airlines have, in the interests of safety, decided not to close off these exits on their 747s.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR MACLEOD,
2 Pine Tree Close,
Cowes,
Isle of Wight.
August 23.

From Dr Roderick A. Smith

Sir, The Press has recently carried much speculation about the cause of the JAL 747 disaster. Several theories centre round structural failure of the tail and rear bulkhead areas, possibly caused by fatigue.

It is clear that many reporters, including your own, think that fatigue is some form of "disease" in metals. Since the problem first came to light over 130 years ago, in the axles of early railway locomotives, much research has been conducted which has elucidated the nature of fatigue.

We now know that fluctuating loads cause a crack to form and grow at an ever-increasing rate until it eventually breaks the component in which it is situated. Because of the nature of this accelerating growth rate, these cracks can be exceedingly small in length for a large percentage of the component life, and remain of "hairline" width until just before failure.

I have many examples in my laboratory of components containing cracks many millimetres long which are invisible to the naked eye, even though the observer is directed exactly where to look when the crack position has been identified by more sophisticated methods.

It was therefore unwise (*The Times*, August 20) of a British Airways official to react angrily to the suggestion that visual inspection of a large and complex component such as an aircraft bulkhead might not be sufficient. To say, "Our engineers know what they are looking for", is simply not good enough. The problem is to find what they are looking for!

On a different but related point, even on August 21, when you published the flippant letter from Dr Hughes joking about smokers being allocated "safe" rear seats on aircraft, I thought you were both shortsighted and acting in poor taste. I am now listening to the shocking news from Manchester – my views sadly, are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,
RODERICK A. SMITH,
University Engineering Department,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.
August 22.

From Mr C. H. H. Lawton

Sir, As someone who has travelled to Lisbon in British Airways Boeing 737 aircraft frequently over the past few months, I have first-hand experience of the appallingly cramped seating arrangements. This compares most unfavourably with the seating in identical aircraft operated on the same route by TAP, the Portuguese airline, where there is a reasonable allowance of footspace between the rows.

While closely coupled seating has no bearing on the cause of the recent accident, lack of mobility within the cabin may explain the failure of so many people to escape and the trampling of bodies which apparently took place.

On the BBC television news last night it was reported that the seating in the British Airtours version of the aircraft is of an even higher density than normal British Airways flights and, while this may be justified on the grounds of profitability, I believe it is irresponsible from the point of view of air safety.

May I, therefore, suggest that the Government's investigation into the cause of the disaster, promised by Mrs Thatcher yesterday, also examines closely the questions of seat density, aisle width, hand luggage stowage and the adequacy of the exit routes.

Yours faithfully,
C. H. H. LAWTON,
26 Abingdon Villas, W8.
August 23.

Neglected composers

From Mr Paul Podro

Sir, Although the intellectual snobbery which Simon Heffer complains of (feature, August 10) is not only directed at British composers, it is nevertheless incredible that the greatest British piano concerto, Bax's *Winter Legends*, and Rubbra's sublime Fourth and Ninth symphonies are unknown to Prom audiences.

Then there is the case of William Wordsworth, for whose stature see the new *Oxford Dictionary of Music* and who is surely the most unjustifiably neglected living British composer. Of his major creative output, the seven symphonies, two are awaiting their first broadcast and most of the others have not been broadcast for about thirty years!

Since Mr Robert Ponsonby and his predecessor, Sir William Glock, took us kicking and screaming into one part of the 20th century and unobtrusively ejected us from another part, the prevailing ethos at the BBC has been dominated by the spurious theory of a 20th century mainstream. This automatically excludes most of the names on Mr Heffer's list of neglected composers.

Unfortunately his plea to the new Controller of Music is likely to fall on stony ground. Mr John Drummond is already on record as saying that on the touchy subject of contemporary music he is likely to follow his predecessors.

Until some way is found of diminishing the power of the most influential musical executive in the world, both Prom and BBC audiences will continue to receive a blinkered view of British music.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL PODRO,
103 Cheyneys Avenue,
Edgware, Middlesex.

Britain and Unesco

From Mr Cecil R. Evans

Sir, I write as one of the "dreamers" in relation to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) mentioned in your strangely intemperate leading article. "Seeing through the dream" (August 15).

As you say, the question of Britain's membership of Unesco requires a "cold eye". Such an eye is indeed being applied to the organization. Mr William Dodd, UK representative on the agency's 51-strong executive board, has reported that organizational reforms are under way, with plans for implementing 117 proposed changes in procedure.

Unesco needs reform. Of that there can be little doubt. Amid the plethora of criticism, however, the positive and solid achievements of the agency must not be forgotten. It undertakes varied and invaluable work in hundreds of countries. It has brought literacy to more than 15 million adults and children deprived of a conventional education. In a single year it trained 30,000 teachers. It channels £30 million a year to major scientific programmes, such as the International Hydrological Programme on Man and the Biosphere.

In financial terms, Britain gets as much if not more out of Unesco as it puts in. Our annual contribution is £4 million but our financial and other benefits far exceed this.

The agency needs the continued membership of the United Kingdom, which did so much to help launch it in its early days and provided its first Director-General, Dr Julian Huxley. By doing so, it can help promote the process of reform from within the organization. Withdrawal would have the effect of diminishing our credibility and influence in the international community.

Yours sincerely,
CECIL R. EVANS,
Chase End,
37 Long Grove,
Seer Green,
Nr. Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire.

Whistle stop

From Dr C. B. T. Grant

Sir, Where have all the whistlers gone? Until fairly recently, people going to – or about – their work, could be heard cheerfully whistling the current hit tunes. Now nobody whistles. Is this because modern pop music is largely unwhistleable?

Your faithfully,
TRAVERS GRANT,
Chowles,
Rusper,
Horsham,
Sussex.

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 26 1931

In July 1931 the May committee report on the economy was published. Inter alia it recommended (the two Labour members dissenting) meeting a £170m deficit by an increase in taxation and a cut of 20 per cent in unemployment (then running at 2.76m) relief. There was a fear in Britain that the pound would collapse and the City told MacDonald that the Labour government which had assumed office in June 1929 had not the confidence of foreign powers. In these circumstances a National Government was formed on August 24; the Cabinet comprised four Labour, four Conservatives and two Liberals. MacDonald's action created a breach within the Labour Party which, under the leadership of Arthur Henderson, went into Opposition.

THE CABINET'S TASK

MR MACDONALD'S BROADCAST

RESTORING CREDIT

Mr MacDonald, the Prime Minster, broadcast an address on the task of the National Government from all stations of the BBC last night. The principal points of the speech . . . were as follows:—

At this moment I have changed none of my beliefs and none of my ideals.

Foreigners who had been in our financial trust have listened to ghost stories in a gloomy atmosphere and have become rather nervous.

There is no danger whatever if treatment of the situation is given, but it must be immediate.

It cannot be trifled with. It is essential that the confidence of the world in our credit should be restored.

If there were any collapse in the pound we should be defaulting on our obligations to the rest of the world and our credit would be gone.

This would be fatal since this country above all others depends on the maintenance of its credit, having to buy as we do so large a part of our food and raw materials from abroad. . . .

The people who would suffer most are the people not with large but with the smallest incomes.

Every one from whom we have borrowed or who has placed deposits in our keeping must be assured that the Budget will be balanced, and that assurance has to be given at once, not only as a declaration of intention but as a programme in the essential detail.

We certainly do not want economies which mean the suspension of programmes of work which we believe are for the national good, nor a reduction of expenditure which we also believe is in the long run sound.

But if by reason of shrinkage of national income these good works mean such borrowing as will damage credit – well, we must cut our coats according to the cloth. . . .

The proposal now is that, as part of this urgently required national saving, unemployment benefits should be reduced by 10 per cent, but that children's allowances should not be touched at all.

During the last two brief years the cost of living has been reduced by 11 ½ per cent, so that if the unemployment benefits had been subject to this consideration they would automatically, and without changing a hair's breadth of their value in maintaining their standard of life, already have been reduced without either clamour or fight by 11 ½ per cent.

The proposal to reduce these benefits therefore leaves the recipients 1 ½ per cent better off than they were in 1929.

We are told that this is a bankers' ramp or a conspiracy, or something of the kind, against the Labour Government. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and myself were chosen by the Labour Government to be the contact between itself and the Bank of England. From our knowledge and experience I can give you all the most emphatic assurance that that charge is not true.

We were never presented with any political ultimatum. We never found in the attitude or conversation of those with whom we were negotiating any political bias, one way or another.

They told us, when we put up proposals to them, whether in their opinion those proposals would meet the circumstances, to give confidence. When they were doubtful they were perfectly willing that tests should be imposed.

The attitude which they will observe towards the new Government will be of precisely the same character as it was to the old, and if the new Government succeeds in getting a loan the old would also have succeeded, had the conditions been the same.

The only way to secure the necessary money is to afford to those who have money to lend a security that it will be paid back when required.

One thing and one thing only will put British credit in a position of security at this moment, and that is a scheme consisting in economies on the one side and further revenue on the other, a scheme well balanced with burdens imposed as lightly as possible but imposed equitably.

That scheme will be produced. In order to do it a Government has been formed. It is not a Coalition Government. I will take no part in that. It is not a Government which compels any party to change its principles or to subordinate its individuality. I should take no part in that either.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE

August 25: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Sermon was preached by the Right Reverend David Smith (Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland).

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Arthur Brett and Sons and Anglian Windows in Norwich, on October 23.

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, will attend the national finals of the Schools' Buildarobot Competition at Arborfield, near Reading, on October 28.

The Duke of Gloucester is 41 today.

Marriages

Mr A. G. J. Fleming and Miss K. C. Warner

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Chilworth, Surrey, of Mr Andrew Fleming, son of Major and the Hon Mrs M. W. S. Fleming, and Miss Kathryn Warner, only child of the late Mr and Mrs J. W. Warner. Father William Jackson and the Rev Nigel Godfrey took part in the service.

Mr L. Cary and Miss J. Sheppard

A service of blessing was held on Saturday at St Mary's, Henley on Thames after the marriage of Mr Lucius Cary, eldest son of the late Sir Michael Cary and of Lady Cary, of Huntswood House, Harpsden, Henley on Thames, and Miss Joanna Sheppard, daughter of Mr Francis Sheppard, of 55 New Street, Henley on Thames, and of the late Pamela Sheppard. The Rev Alan Pyburn officiated.

A reception was held at Huntswood House and the honeymoon will be spent in the south of France.

Mr A. C. White and Miss J. F. Travers

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1, of Mr Andrew White, son of Mr and Mrs W. S. White, of Haxby, York, and Miss Jane Travers, elder daughter of the late Licutenant-General Sir Paul Travers and Lady Travers, of Battersea, London SW11. Father Peter Knott, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Martin Travers, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, was attended by her sister, Miss Sara Travers. Mr John Burrell was best man.

A reception was held in the Officers' Mess, RCT London District, Regent's Park Barracks, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. A. Linning and Miss J. A. Fisher

The marriage took place in Cirencester on Friday, August 23, of Mr Richard A. Linning, eldest son of the late Mr C. F. Linning and of Mrs A. Linning, and Miss Jacqueline A. Fisher, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Fisher.

Dr A. Omara-Otunnu and Dr E. J. Munday

The marriage took place in Oxford on Thursday, August 15, 1985 between, Dr A. Omara-Otunnu, of Uganda, and Dr Elizabeth Munday, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Munday, of 10 Manor Court, Grange Road, Cambridge.

Clifford Longley

No humankind without disasters

Cardinal Basil Hume, standing in the midst of the squalor and starvation of an Ethiopian refugee camp, told a journalist that he had "no idea" why God allowed such things to happen. A more sophisticated man might have blamed the incompetence of governments, the flaws in Marxist theory, or the self-centredness of Western aid policies; but he recognized that what surrounded him was a problem for his own belief system, not just for someone else's.

It is not difficult to list other answers he might have given, such as those offered by the tempters of Job: suffering was a punishment; suffering was good for him. Both seemed to vindicate God's justice, measured in human terms. There are other answers possible too: that God does not exist; that if he does he cannot be both all powerful and all merciful but finite in one or other; that God created man with free will which man is free to misuse; or that God has withdrawn from the universe, leaving it to run its course for better or for worse without his intervention.

Job's answer, before he repents, is that God is not just. He deserves not human love but human anger. And last there is fatalism, the belief that there is neither a caring God nor human free will, and everything that happens was predestined from the start. There is no point in being angry with fate.

Of all these godly or godless responses, perhaps "no idea" is best but perhaps also the least consoling. It leaves the philosophical "problem of evil" worse than it found it by declaring it insoluble, a cruelty to be lived with and with no nice theory to bring it within human comprehension. Grieving relatives of suffering children can draw no comfort from it.

Something further can be said, however. If the search is transferred from the realm of moral philosophy and spiritual counselling – from "What does one say to the victims?" – to the fuzzy but fascinating boundary territory between religion and science, the natural or artificial catastrophes that prompt the question cease to be quite so painfully meaningless.

Job's protest, and the cardinal's on behalf of starving infants, and everyone's on behalf of the latest disaster victims and their relatives and friends, is in effect a cry for a better world. Why cannot we all die peacefully in our sleep at 85 after a full and happy life? If there was a God, and he cared, surely he would arrange it so?

It seems like a plea for a world very like our own, except that yesterday's and today's reasonable tranquillity will be guaranteed for tomorrow too, and not end for an unlucky few in the horror of a motorway pile-up or air disaster.

It is only such rare and tragic happenings that have to be eliminated; for most, life can continue as it was. Thus the alteration required to the universe's laws, to remove the random injustice of the sudden agony and death of innocent people, is marginal: why then has God not obliged? It seems almost to prove that he does not exist.

This similar world to our own, the same but for the elimination of occasional catastrophes, is easy to imagine, but quite impossible. The strength of steel alloy, or its tendency to fatigue fracture, is determined not arbitrarily as scientists might have thought only a hundred years ago, but according to sub-atomic forces which are in turn not arbitrary. Natural laws are now known to be part of a coherent interdependent pattern of order. The imaginable world in which steel had twice its strength would be completely different in every other respect, and man would not be around to enjoy its benefits.

What is being asked for, at first sight such a modest request, is in fact regulated not by natural laws at all but by permanent and continuous miraculous intervention. If aircraft disasters were impossible aircraft maintenance would not be necessary and aircraft could indeed fly without wings, held aloft by what medieval man called angels.

If cars were guaranteed never to crash on motorways there would be no need for brakes. A divine guarantee against starvation would eliminate the need for food. There is no possible half way, keeping the laws of physics when they serve man's purposes, with God over-ruling them whenever they do not.

There would be no laws of physics at all in such a world: man could not even begin to design aircraft or cars. God would be deciding the strength of steel from minute to minute and scientists would find nothing predictable. There would be no science.

There would be no man, either. The perfecting of creation through evolution and natural selection presupposes that there must be the possibility of catastrophes and disasters. Man's primitive ancestors developed sight and hearing, fleetness of foot and intelligence, because those variations in the species which did not do so, did not survive.

Without adrenalin to spark instant instinctive actions man's ancestors would all have been eaten by predators. And the entire pattern of creation is like this. It also demands the constancy of physical laws. There would have been no way of evolving defence mechanisms against disease, for example, if God was for ever stepping into cure diseases miraculously, so that no disease ever followed a fixed pattern.

That God could have created an entirely miraculous universe, rather than one bound by natural laws, is at least plausible if God's existence is plausible. But he chose not to because, as all religions affirm, he wanted man to be part of it and man is a creation of natural laws. Man's special characteristic, being a creature to whom the universe is intelligible, also demands that there should be natural laws for intelligibility to work on.

The strange answer which seems to emerge, therefore, is that a world in which disasters and famines do occur, unchecked by divine intervention, is the only possible one God could have created with man in it.

Approximations to it, with improvements to exclude disasters, would be logical absurdities. The complaint against God is not that he should have arrested the course of the famine in Ethiopia, but that he should never have created the world in the first place. That is rather the drift of what he tells Job, according to the text.

OBITUARY

MAJ-GEN H. H. STABLE

Formation of new Indian Army

Major-General Hugh Huntington Stable, CB, CIE, who, died in Cape Town on August 6 at the age of 89, was the last surviving officer of his rank in the former British Indian Cavalry. He had the unusual distinction of serving on the staffs of both the Commander-in-Chief and the Viceroy, and he later played an important part in the formation of the new Indian Army.

He was born in 1896 and educated at Malvern. He was commissioned into the Dorset Regiment in 1914 and saw active service with them in Palestine in 1917 and 1918. He was mentioned in despatches. He transferred to the Central India Horse in 1919.

In 1933 he was appointed Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Philip Chetwode (later Field Marshall Lord Chetwode) and, in 1936, Military Secretary to the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow. At the outbreak of war he was Commandant of the 8th KGO Cavalry, and in 1940 commanded an armoured brigade.

After independence Stable was one of the senior officers who served on, first as Quarter-master-General and finally as Master-General of the Ordnance until he retired in 1950.

He settled in South Africa where, despite failing eyesight, he continued to lead an active commercial and public life. He was Commissioner of Scouts and chairman of the Scout Council from 1953 to 1972.

He was a man of great personal charm who made a significant contribution to every activity in which he took part. Many a young officer had cause to remember his wisdom and guidance in the early years of his service.

In 1923 he married Cyrille Bayfield, who died in 1979. There were no children of the marriage.

HANS KEULS

Peter Cotes writes:

Perhaps I may be permitted to pay a small tribute to Hans Keuls, the playwright and literary agent, who died in Overeen, Holland on August 18, aged 74. I had known him for the past thirty years, in which time he had proved to be an important link between English dramatists and the the continent of Europe.

He had succeeded his father at the end of the Second World War to the position of principal at Amsterdam's respected Copywright Bureau, having spent much of the war itself first as a member of the Dutch Resistance in Holland, and later at the Netherlands Embassy in London.

Apart from fast assuming the role of Holland's best known literary agent, Hans's talent as a playwright and television screenwriter found a number of platforms, both in his homeland and in England, (where he was a permanent resident, for over thirty five years) when he was represented by productions of such plays of his as *Life With Father*, at the Cambridge Theatre in the West End; *Lady Barker's Last Appearance*, at the Pembroke, Croydon; and most recently *Confrontation at the Roman Forum* at the Round House.

He also collaborated with the late Ronald Duncan in writing *The Cardinal* which was tried out at the Arts, Cambridge, without reaching London. All superior in conception to execution. I had come to admire him for his talents – more remarkable for their diversity than for their depth – his energy, charm of manner, but most of all for his kindness – one who gave boosts in life to many others.

One with wide ranging interests, Keuls was deeply attached to England, and had married an English wife Pauline in 1950; she survives him, together with their grown up family of four children, two sons and two daughters; a sister also, Dr Eva Keuls, who occupies a chair in Classics at the University of Minnesota.

LADY AYER

A. H. writes:

Lady Ayer, the former Vanessa Lawson, whose death was recorded in your columns on August 20 at the age of 48, had been an exceptionally vital presence on the London scene for nearly 30 years.

Born into the Salmon family, she married Nigel Lawson, the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the age of 19 in 1955. For all her wit and charm, she never perhaps found true fulfilment in her role as a politician's wife.

One of her most attractive attributes was an unerring aim in puncturing pomposity, and she much preferred the company of writers, artists and intellectuals to that of Westminster worthies.

Her second marriage to the philosopher, A. J. Ayer, was an extremely happy one and her home in St Marylebone became a place of pilgrimage for all the eclectic assembly of her friends. Although never a "society hostess" in the normal sense of that term, she had a very special gift – and not only by reason of her striking beauty – for enhancing any gathering of which she was part.

Her last illness was mercifully brief but she met it with a typical, irreverent courage – summoning an undertaker to her hospital bedside and, having given a list of detailed instructions, replying to his final question, "May I know the name of the deceased?" with a firm, "The deceased will be myself." Her many friends will recognize that distinctive appeal of an exceptional and rare spirit.

Lieutenant-Commander Francis William Hope Loudon who died on August 22 was a barrister of Lincoln's Inn and served in the Second World War in the RNVR. He was High Sheriff of Kent in 1969. He married in 1936 Lady Prudence Katherine Patton, fourth daughter of Admiral of the Fleet the first Earl Jellicoe.

Mr John Willard Marriott, chairman of the Marriott Corporation, died in New Hampshire on August 13 at the age of 84. A Mormon from Utah, he had started with a root beer stand in Washington in 1927, and had built the business up into a chain of hotels and restaurants

Science report

Secret 'sniffing' device samples drivers' breath

A device that can measure the breath of motorists for alcohol by sniffing the air inside a car has been tested at checkpoints by the police in Charlottesville, Virginia, United States.

The instrument has been developed by Dr Ian Jones, of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a research organization financed by American insurance companies.

The sensors which sniff for alcohol are tiny micro-electronic units incorporated in a policeman's torch. They were given to officers involved in a campaign to reduce drunken driving at weekends

Although the checkpoints were well publicized, the existence of the alcohol sniffer was not. When a vehicle stopped at a checkpoint, a police officer beamed a torch into the car to help the driver to find his or her licence. A digital readout of the alcohol level from the breath of the occupant was displayed on a miniature screen in the handle of the flashlight.

This form of detection, referred to as a passive alcohol sensor, is still at the experimental stage. But the numbers which glowed on the miniature display screens led to the police proceeding with 20 cases for every 1,000 motorists passing the checkpoints during the trial period, compared with 11 arrests on average before and after the experimental period.

A later study in which every motorist was asked to submit to a voluntary breath test for research purposes, with an assurance that no action would proceed whatever the outcome, showed that even with the new detector more than three of every 10 people who were over the legal limit went undetected.

However, under Virginia law a person does not have to give a breath test until he has been arrested.

The sensitive part of the instrument is an electrochemical fuel cell sensor that measures the alcohol level by causing a minute change in the electrical current generated by the cell. A tiny pump in the butt of the torch draws in the driver's breath. According to Dr Jones the device has margin of error of 0.05 per cent.

Appointments in the Forces

Air Vice-Marshal D. B Leech to be Commandant-General, RAF Regiment and Director General of Security (RAF) in succession to Air Vice-Marshal J. F. G Howe. Aug 30.

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: J A C Knight to Dg UKNMR(N) and SHAPE Feb 17, 1986; T Leland to MOD (London), Oct 11; J A Marshall to MOD (Bath), Sept 5; R P Warwick to HERON in Cmd, Feb 4, 1986; R J Wright to MOD (London), Feb 3, 1986.

COMMANDERS: W K Benbow to ROTHESAY in Cmd, March 3, 1986; R A Burgess to MOD (London), Feb 28, 1986; P E De'Ath to ILLUSTRIOUS, March 28, 1986; J Fenwick to FIFE, Feb 28, 1986; N R Harris to MOD (London), Jan 6, 1986; P A C Lockwood to MOD (Portsdown), Nov 29; C L W Page to BRITANNIA, Nov 22; P Withers to DRYAD, March 18, 1986.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: J M Young to INM as DCH and HOMS, Nov 14.

SURGEON COMMANDER: J R Haydon to INM, Nov 5.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: T P Betty, Dec 12

SURGEON CAPTAIN: D S Wright, Oct 10.

COMMANDERS: J P J Roberts-West, Oct 10; J F T Snow, Oct 12; D R M Tuke, Oct 22; A J White, Oct 22.

The Army

BRIGADIERS: J H Edwards to be Comd Bde of Gurkhas, Aug 26; D M Naylor to MOD, Aug 27.

COLONEL: G H Silvey to be Headmaster Welbeck College, Sept 1.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: N C Muir R Signals to HQ AFCENT, Aug 28; E E Powell R Signals to be CO 11 Sig Reg; Aug 27; A J A Reg RAPC to be CO RPO Chester, Aug 26; J H Thorpe RH to MOD Aug 27.

Retirements

BRIGADIERS: H R Higgins Late RAOC, Aug 31; P H B O'Meara Late QLR, Sept 1; E M Westropp Late RH, Aug 29.

COLONELS: W A Allen Late RTR, Aug 31; D J St J Lelius Late 13, 18H, Aug 30; D R G Seidl Late RRF, Aug 31.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: R F Saunders to HQ NATO, Sept 1.

WING COMMANDERS: M J Evans to IADS Malaysia, Aug 26; C P J Coulcher to OASC Biggin Hill, Aug 27; P J Plasterer to MOD, Aug 27; A G Spicer to HQ 1 Bft Corps, Aug 30; A Middleton to HQ AFCENT, Aug 26; T H Underwood to SHAPE, Aug 26; A A P Thorpe to HQ STC, Aug 27; T V Davies to SEER SOAF, Aug 28.

Drama award

The Bancroft Gold Medal of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art has been won by Iain Glen, who also receives the Award of the Knights of the Round Table.

Correction

G. P Henshaw, RE, attended Nottingham University, not Glasgow as stated in the report of the Sovereign's Parade on August 16.

Service luncheon

43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade

A ladies' luncheon was held by the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham, Hampshire (by permission of the Commanding Officer 2nd 2nd Goorkha Rifles) on Saturday. Major W. C. Rogers, president, presided.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Barnes, 63; Mr Frank Cole, 81; Major-General N. L. Foster, 76; Mr Christopher Isherwood, 81; Sir Ian McGregor, 63; Professor Brian Maegraith, 78; Sir Hugh Parry, 74; Mr Malcolm Pyrah, 44; Viscount Runciman of Doxford, 85; Miss Alison Steadman, 39; Sir Gerald Thorley, 72; General Sir Harry Tuzo, 68; the Right Rev Maurice Wood, 69.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev J L Aston, Curate of Meir Heath, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of Upper Tean, same diocese.

The Rev M Day, Chaplain of Royal College of Arts, diocese of London, to be Priest-in-charge of St George, Bloomsbury, same diocese.

The Rev P S Frear, Curate of St Mary, Redbourne Cheney, diocese of Bristol, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Hengrove, same diocese.

Canon K R Good, assistant general secretary to the Missions to Seamen, and an honorary Canon of Kobe, Japan to be Vicar of Nunthorpe, diocese of York.

The Rev T D Hawkings, Assistant Curate in Stafford Team, diocese of Lichfield, to be Team Vicar of Christ Church in the Stafford Team, same diocese.

The Rev B Irons, Captain, Church Army, diocese of Gloucester to be Vicar of Scalford with Goadby Marwood, Wycombe and Chadwell, Eastwell and Eaton, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev C Jones, Vicar of Farlam W. Nether Denton, and of Gilsland, diocese of Carlisle to be Priest-in-charge of Kirkbride with Newton Arlosh, same diocese.

The Rev R E Parker, Curate of Walmsley, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar of Coalville Christ Church west Bardon Hill St Peter, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev P Richmond, Curate of Trentham, diocese of Lichfield, to be priest-in-charge of St John, Wolverhampton, same diocese. The Rev W M Simpson, Chaplain of St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, and Chaplain of St Stephen's College, Stanley, with responsibility for the daughter Church of St Stephen's, Stanley, Hong Kong, to be Priest-in-charge of Beetham and Milnthorpe, diocese of Carlisle.

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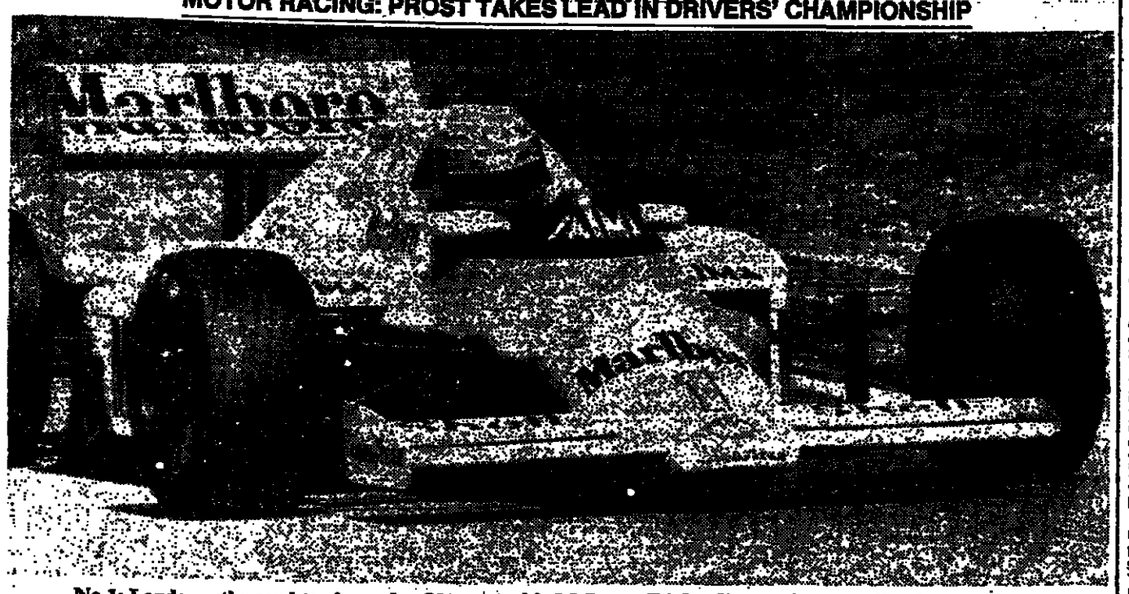
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MOTOR RACING: PROST TAKES LEAD IN DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP



No 1: Lauda on the road to victory by .23sec over his McLaren-TAG colleague, Prost, at Zandvoort yesterday.

Lauda triumphs in race of the year

From John Blunsden, Zandvoort

Niki Lauda and Alain Prost provided the race finish of the year here yesterday when they fought wheel to wheel to the line for another 1-2 finish for the Marlboro McLaren-TAG team. Lauda gained the verdict by less than a quarter of a second after a final lap during which Prost tried time after time to find a way past him, even resorting to the grass on the outside of one of the slower corners. Afterwards, however, it was all smiles. "We agreed beforehand," said Prost, "that it would be no team orders. It is important for Niki to win any races he can because if he slowed down to let me through, to gain more points for the championship, it would be bad for the team and for me."

Lauda concurred. "If Alain needs a little help at the end of the year to win the championship, then I will give it to him. However, I am sure he is good enough to win it on his own," he said.

Like everyone else in the race, both drivers had had to stop for fresh tyres because of the abrasiveness of the track surface, and Prost's stop took several seconds longer than Lauda's, who had made his change much earlier. Lauda commented: "I want to change early in order to get maximum benefit from my second set, but I think I stopped about five laps too early. By the end of the race, my replacement tyres were going off and I was sliding all over the place."

Ayrton Senna just managed to keep his JPS Lotus-Renault ahead of Michele Alboreto's Ferrari to claim a distant third place, 48 seconds behind, after a difficult race which he had to cope with high engine temperatures for much of the way. With Elio de Angelis bringing the team's other car home in fifth place, it was left to Nigel Mansell, of Britain, to pick up the last championship point for sixth position, a noble effort after he had had to make two changes of tyres to his Williams-Honda along the way.

Another Briton, Martin Brundle, who finished just out of the points, was able to demonstrate the growing competitiveness of the Tyrell-Renault when he kept Lauda at bay for several laps before he was lapped by the race winner.

But for Derek Warwick there was further disappointment; after a fine drive, which had taken his Renault up to third place, he dropped out after he had lost his gearbox oil. His team partner, Patrick Tambay, having fought his way through to fourth place after starting from the pit road at the tail of the field, also dropped out with transmission trouble. Earlier, the car's front suspension had had to be adjusted after a failure on Tambay's car on race morning.

Nelson Piquet, who had ben fastest in pactice stalled his Brabham-BMW on the line and spent the entire race chasing the field to finish eighth of the 10 survivors, While Keke Rosberg, who took the lead at the start, suffered an engine failure on his Williams-Honda on the twentieth lap, at which point the only race was between the McLarens.

RESULTS: 1, N Lauda (Austria) Marlboro-McLaren-TAG, 70 laps, 1hr 32min 29.26sec, 119.98 mph; 2, A Prost (Fr) Marlboro-McLaren-TAG, 1:32 29.49; 3, A Senna (Br) JPS Lotus-Renault, 1:33 17.55; 4, M Alboreto (It) Ferrari, 1:33 18.10; 5, E de Angelis (It) JPS Lotus-Renault, 69 laps; 6, N Mansell (GB) Williams-Honda, 69 laps; 7, M Brundle (GB) Tyrrell-Renault, 69 laps; 8, N Piquet (B) Olivetti Brabham-BMW, 69 laps; 9, G Berger (Austria) Barclay Arrows-BMW, 68 laps; 10, M Surer (Switz) Olivetti Brabham-BMW, 65 laps.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Prost, 56 pts; 2, Alboreto, 53; 3, de Angelis, 30; 4, equal, Senna and Johansson, 19; 6, Rosberg, 18; 7, Lauda, 14; 8, Piquet, 13; 9, Tambay, 11; 10, Laffite, 10; 11 Boutsen, 9; 12, Mansell, 7; 13 equal, Belloff and Warick, 4; 15 equal, Amoux and de Cesaris, 3; 17, Surer, 2.

CONSTRUCTORS: 1, Ferrari, 75; 2, McLaren-TAG, 70; 3, Lotus-Renault, 49; 4, Williams-Honda, 25; 5 equal, Renault and Brabham-BMW, 15; 7, Ligier-Renault 13; 8, Arrows-BMW 9; 9, Tyrrell-Ford, 4.

FOOTBALL: PREDICTIONS UNCHANGED DESPITE SURPRISES

Already also-rans after only a week of new season

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Since the smell of cordite from the starting gun still hangs in the air, it might be considered dangerously premature to select the winner of a race that is the longest and most demanding in the world. But is it? Even 10 days ago no other side apart from Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur or Arsenal were expected to finish as the champions of England.

Consider their past form. Over the last seven seasons they have between them won 27 domestic and foreign trophies as well as being losing cup finalists on 13 other occasions. 1980 was their worst year. Then they, or, rather, Liverpool, gained a mere two. 1984 was their best. Then they collected half a dozen.

The rest of the country's representatives in the meantime picked up 10 awards. They include a share of the Charity Shield (Aston Villa in 1981), one FA Cup (West Ham United in 1980) and one first division title (Villa again in 1981). Once in the Milk Cup and in Europe has the overwhelming dominance of the big five clubs been broken.

Assuming they will continue to regard the English crown as their rightful property, and there is little to suggest that they will fail to do so, London was a convenient place to be over the Bank Holiday weekend to study their present form. That of Arsenal and Manchester United was presented at Highbury on Saturday and that of Tottenham and Everton will be displayed at White Hart Lane this afternoon.

United's was appreciably the more convincing of the two to be seen so far. They beat Arsenal 2-1. Yet to drop a point, they have climbed to the top for the first time since March 4 last year. But the position of early leaders in the "marathon" has recently proved not necessarily healthy.

United are unlikely to fall far away from the peak. There is too much iron in their first and too much competitiveness in their spirit. Williams, particularly, who suffered a fractured big toe after an ugly late clash with Whiteside within 60 seconds, Woodcock, dizzy with concussion, and O'Leary, troubled by a swollen and aching jaw, will be among those who say there is more than enough.

There is much velvet in their gloves and talent in their adventurous approach as well. In the five minutes before they took a first half lead through Hughes after Whiteside headed against the bar, they touched the most glorious heights. Midway through the second half, they rose again and effectively closed the argument when McGrath stooped deliberatly to deflect in Stapleton's half volley.

In spite of McGrath's alertness, later blunted by a collision with his own goalkeeper, and Hogg's overall steadiness, United allowed their unquestioned superiority to slip. Ron Atkinson, generously conceding that Arsenal were unlucky, admitted that his side became "sloppy". Duxbury, though harshly adjudged to have handled inside the area in the final minute, was especially guilty.

Twice last season United conceded two-goal leads and there was more than a suspicion that they may again throw away similar advantages. They almost did on Saturday. Nicholas, after being tripped by Whiteside, missed the subsequent penalty soon after the interval – or rather Bailey foiled him and Allinson, followed up for the rebound.

Arsenal's challenge might then have subsided. Unsettled by the withdrawal of Williams (no one assumed his responsibility for marking Hughes, who promptly scored) and unbalanced by the utterly inconsequential contribution of Rix, they then lost O'Leary briefly as well.

While he was away receiving treatment, United again took immediate advantage of the missing man to complete their second "power play". Yet Arsenal, under the inspirational aggression of Stewart Robson, deserved credit for their persistence. Woodcock nodded against the bar before Duxbury's offence allowed Allinson to claim some compensation.

"I know people get fed up caring it," Don Howe said, "but we played well and still lost." For the third successive time at home to United, Howe may be forced to recall the still rusted Mariner at Luton tomorrow. Atkinson expect to keep the same side for the home fixture against West Ham and relishes the prospect of taking on another London side. Not since their defeat by Tottenham before the 1983 Cup Final have United been beaten by a representative from the capital. That was 19 games ago.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; V Anderson, K Sansom, S Williams (sub P Davis), D O'Leary, T Caton, S Robson, I Allinson, C Nicholas, A Woodcock, G Rix.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, N Whiteside, P McGrath, G Hogg, B Robson, G Strachan, M Hughes, F Stapleton, J Olsen.
Referee: B Stevens (Stonehouse).

Watford are back in their old routine

By Clive White

It would not be surprising if our footballers were a bunch of neurotics; with all the misery and prophesies of doom in the last few months. The early erratic results seem to support that theory with Merseyside, the eye of the storm, under the weather as well as the microscope. Everton drawing at home to Coventry City on Saturday and Liverpool losing against Newcastle United.

The match winner at St James's Park, with his 100th League goal, was Reilly, the former Watford beanpole, and it was his old club who, thankfully, brought a sense of stability and familiarity to the season with a typically extravagant performance. They overwhelmed Bromwhich Albion, winning 5-1 seven days after being flattened 4-0 by Tottenham Hotspur. You will not find Graham Taylor and his men fretting about life's rough deals. Football, in general, would do well to follow their example.

Talbot, the epitome of the right kind of fighter, picked himself up after a limp performance at White Hart Lane to score his first goal for Watford while West scored three. Taylor joined 14,500 supporters in a standing ovation at the end and said: "The whole team made me feel a tremendous sense of pride at a magnificent 90-minute performance."

It was enough to tempt one former Hornet to fly back to Majorca: Armstong was making his debut for Albion. At least the sun shone for him.

Oxford United, whose rise to the top has made even Watford look like slouches (they joined the League in 1962), registered their emphatic first victory in the first division at the expense of Leicester City, who were last week's success story when beating Everton.

Those who doubt Oxford's credentials should have heard Gordon Milne, the Leicester manager. "We were outclassed in every department. I thought Oxford were superb and took their goals brilliantly," he said. Let us hope such rave notices are reflected in the next gate at the Manor Ground. There were only 9,000 present on Saturday.

Maurice Evans, Oxford's caretaker manager, who has been around long enough to know of the pressures, declared his wish to appreciate Oxford from a different seat and is not interested in the manager's job on a permanent basis. Howard Kendall, who has successfully ridden the switchback, said after the champions, Everton, had played out an even more unbelievable result than last May's defeat at Highfield Road: "Everyone expects us to win at home but I'm not too worried. We played some good stuff and I'm sure results will come." Sharp's equaliser came with five minutes left.

There was other more expensively wounded pride at Portman Road, where Tottenham Hotspur survived a penalty but still suffered their season's first reverse against Ipswich Town, a team who cost a faction of the price of Tottenham Reserves. "The Ipswich conveyor belt is still running smoothly. "Bobby Ferguson, the Ipswich manager, purred. Peter Shreeve, the Tottenham manager, had for the first time dropped Perryman. Those young men who still believe their future is in the game will have been cheered by Alan Ball, who took Portsmouth to the top of the second division on Staturay with a 4-0 win against Carlisle United. And John Ollins's new career is not doing too badly at Chelsea, who lead the challenge from the capital and the south in third position. But even he was not content with the 2-0 victory over Birmingham City.

League gates, unfortunately, continue to do worse despite a continued improvement in goal-scoring. Attendances went under 400,000 and are 104,492 dow on the corresponding eight days last season.

McMenemy finds talent has limits

By Paul Newman

Crystal Palace 1
Sunderland 0

Lawrie McMenemy and his Sunderland team are learning the facts of second division life the hard way. Having suffered three defeats in their first three games, and failed to score a single goal, they will have to adapt their game quickly if they are not to rule themselves out of promotion before the season has barely begun.

On paper, Sunderland have probably the most talented team in the division. Of their best players, only Turner, the golakeeper, left after last season's relegation, and during the summer McMenemy performed his Southampton trick of getting quality on the cheap by buying older men like Gates, Gray and Swindlehurst.

Yet, as McMenemy acknowledged after Saturday's defeat at Selhurst Park, talent alone will not buy a passport out og the second division. "You have to scrap and earn the right to play football in this division," he said.

Steve Coppell, Crystal Palace's manager, emphasized the point. "We couldn't match Sunderland for their football, so we had to work hard, tackle and close them down", he said.

McMenemy believes his side have improved with each game, and there were several encouraging factors in this performance. Walker was direct and incisive on the wing, Venison, Gray and Pickering attacked intelligently from defence, and Elliott led the side with calm authority.



McMenemy: three defeats

Sunderland deserved something from the game, but Palace, maintaining the improvement they made towards the end of last season, won their third successive match with a 70th minute header by Droy.

CRYSTAL PALACE: G Wood; H Hughton, D Lindsay, A Finnigan, M Droy, J Cannon, A Irvine, S Kettenidge, T Aylott, A Gray, P Barber.
SUNDERLAND: S McDonagh; B Venison, F Gray, R Agboola (Sub: P Daniel), G Bennett, S Elliott, N Pickering, R Wallace, D Swindlehurst, E Gates, C Walker.
REFEREE: J C Deakin (Llantwit Major).

Managers act after violence

By Hugh Taylor

The Scottish Football Association, who have been uncompromising in their efforts to eliminate rough play this season, are expected to order a special inquiry into the violence which erupted on the field at Ibrox on Saturday.

After a fracas involving at least half a dozen players, Kidd and Clark, of Hearts of Midlothian, and McCoist, of Rangers, were ordered off. The match had been marred by bad temper from the start and eight players had been cautioned before the feud, which stunned the crowd of 36,000, broke out.

Already Rangers have announced that McCoist will be heavily fined for his part in the affray and the Hearts manager, Alex MacDonald, said Kidd would also be punished by his club but he added that Clark, a former Rangers player, would have no action taken against him. "He was merely trying to cool the situation".

The authorities are certain to take a serious view of the explosive incidents which came at a time when the Scottish football scene has become more peaceful, thanks to the SFA's edict.

The Old Firm of Glasgow are back in business, Celtic kept on the heels of their greatest rivals, with a convincing 3-0 victory over Clydebank.

Aberdeen were surprisingly held at home to a 1-1 draw by the other promoted side, Motherwell, who fought bravely and deserved their valuable point. McKinnie opened the scoring for an Aberdeen team who became too casual and Blair equalized for Motherwell, who might have had a penalty when Fordes was sent tumbling in the area. In a tame Tayside derby at Tannadice, Dundee United were far too good for a Dundee side who have faded sadly. Beedie and Sturrock were the scorers. Hibernian continued to languish at the bottom of the table. They are still without a point but they can consider themselves unfortunate to lose 3-2 to St Mirren at Easter Road

League angers Scots

Scotland could face a World Cup play-off without any English-based players if they take a point from Wales in Cardiff next month.

The Scottish FA had asked the football League to postpone fixtures which would involve members of Jock Stein's squad on Saturday, November 30, if Scotland reach a play-off with the winners of the Oceania group. The fist leg is away from home on Wednesday, December 4.

The League have demanded £10,000 from the SFA for each game postponed angering the Scots, who are prepared to omit the League players.

The SFA secretary Ernie Walker, said: "If we have to travel to Australia, for instance, we would have to take the squad out on the Thursday or Friday." Alun Evans, the Welsh Secretary, said that Wales were prepared to pay League clubs up to £40,000 compensation.

HOCKEY

England fail to impress

From Sydney Friskin
Vancouver

England made sure of finishing at least sixth in the Junior World Cup tournament by defeating Argentina 2-1 in the play-off series on Saturday morning, a performance that scarcely pleased their team manager, Ivan Clark. "There were too many mistakes and the score could well have been 8-5 in our favour," he said.

Clark said that the England team arose at 4.30am in order to play the match at seven. "Young players are probably not physically tuned for a game at the hour of the morning and they may well have caused the numerous mistakes," he explained.

Even Pakistan complained about having to play West Germany in the semi-final at the same hour on Friday morning, but it did not upset the metabolism of the Germans.

The World Cup organizing committee had altered the pro*gramme* at short notice.

As for the match against Argentina, England were two goals up in 22 minutes. Christ Roberts and Swayne at a short corner scoring. Argentina replied in the last minute with a well taken goal by Doherty.

PLAY-OFFS: (5th to 8th places): England 2, Argentina 1. India 4, France 0.

CYCLING

Nakano wins world title for ninth year

From John Wilcockson, Bassano Del Grappa

At the *half-way* point in the world track championships, no country has emerged as a dominating force. Each of the six titles decided before last night has been won by a *different nation*. A well-prepared East German team, however, looks likely to add to its one *gold medal* in the amateur sprint and team pursuit championship.

On Saturday night, Koichi Nakano, of Japan, won the professional sprint title for a record ninth year in succession. He defeated his compatriot, Yoshiyuchi Matsueda, by two straight rides in the final. Nakano's one blemish was in the first match of his semi-final against Philippe Vernet, of France, who came from behind to beat the Japanese in a photo finish.

This set-back goaded Nakano into action. He beat Vernet from the front in their second race, and then: *thrilled another sell-out crowd by* coming from behind in the decider to win by more than ten metres. Vernet lost the bronze medal to Octavio Dazzan, of Italy.

Before the two Japanese sprinters had disputed their final, two Soviet riders had contested the final of the amateur 4,000 metres pursuit championship. Vechislav Ekimov, surprisingly beat Gimtautas Umaras, the Soviet national champion. The result was a disappointment for Dean Woods the Australian hope, who last year defeated Ekimov to win the world junior pursuit title.

Woods paid for a slow opening lap in his semi-final against Ekimov and lost by a quarter of a second in recording a fast time of 4min 37.31sec. Woods lost in similar fashion to Roland Gunther, of West Germany, in the ride-off for third place. The difficulties of cycling in the exceptionally hot weather were emphasized when Danny Clark, the Australian professional, was rushed to hospital on Saturday after Paul Wingrave, the British trainer, had found him lying beside the road. Clark had been training in mid-afternoon and was found to be dehydrated.

There was a disappointing display by Britain's amateurs, who failed to qualify in the 4,000 metres team pursuit, in which Italy recorded the fastest time of 4min 19.70sec.

This proved almost five seconds faster than the favoured East German and Soviet formations

BOWLS

First time winners

By Gordon Allan

Northumberland won the county championship for the first time since 1951 and the fifth time in all at Worthing on Saturday. They beat Lincolnshire in the Middelton Cup final by 117 shoots to 108, although Lincolnshire almost poached it from them at a late hour.

With four ends left Northumberland led by 12 shoots across the green. Mick Tomlin's rink when scored six on their last end against Ian Spoor, and it took saving shots by Jack Knox and Stan Land against Brian Bridge and Jack Stone ot prevent the victory chorus of Blaydon Races dying in Northumberland throats.

Northumberind lost to Somerset in the final last year. Somerset's greater strength was as evident then as Northumberland's was on Saturday. For much of the afternoon they led by 20 or 30 shots and when the pressure came they did not crumble. In the morning they beat Oxfordshire, the only county in the semi-final who have never been champions.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Northumberland 123, Oxfordshire 112; Lincolnshire 115, Gloucester 97. Final: Northumberland 117, Lincolnshire 108. Northumberland skips first: I Spoor 14, M Tomlin 23; S Land 24, J Stone 11; M London 23, L Walker 16; R Stephenson 13, G Plaskitt 15; J Fergusson 21, W Hobart 29; J Knox 22, B Bridges 14).

IN BRIEF



Salonen is at home as the champion

Timo Salonen, of Finland, drove his Peugeot to victory in the 1,000 Lakes Motor Rally at Jyvaskyla, Finland yesterday to win his first world rally driver championship. Salonen, aged 34, covered the 49 special stages of the race in 4hr 10min 35sec.

Stig Blomvist, of Sweden, in an Audi finished second in 4:11.23, and Markku Alen, of Finland, in a Lancia was third, 3min 39sec behind the winner.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, T Salonen (Fin) Peugeot 4hr 10min 35sec; 2, S Blomvist (Swe) Audi, 4:11.23; 3, M Alen (Fin) Lancia, 4:22.01; 5, K Grundel (Swe) Audi, 4:22.03; 6, P Eklund (Swe) Audi, 4:23.06.

TENNIS: Chris Lloyd will lead the United States in the 57th Wightman Cup match against Britain at Williamsburg, Virginia, on October 31 to November 2. The rest of the American side is Pam Shriver, Kathy Rinaldi, Anne White and Betsy Nagelsen. The United States have won 46 times. Britain's last win was in 1978, at London's Albert Hall.

● Helen Kelesi, aged 15, from Canada, who beat two seeded players en-route to the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims of Central New York Tournament, yesterday defeated the No 1 seed, Helena Sukova, 7-6, 7-6, to reach the final.

● Mats Wilander, of Sweden, and Boris Becker, the Wimbledon chatpion, have reached the final of the Kings Island Grand Prix tournament in Ohio. Wilander beat Tim Wilkison of the United States, 6-2, 6-1, while Becker, from West Germany, defeated Joakim Nystrom, of Sweden, 6-4, 7-5.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Friday: Cleveland Indians 10, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Minnesota Twins 5, Boston Red Sox 2; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Chicago White Sox 3; Toronto Blue Jays 10, Chicago White Sox 3; Texas Ranger 4, Kansas City Royals 3; California Angels 7, Detroit Tigers 6; Baltimore Orioles 7, Oakland A's 2; New York Yankees 3, Seattle Mariners 1. Saturday: Minnesota Twins 1, Boston Red Sox 0; Detroit Tigers 13, California Angles 2; Baltimore Orioles 4, Oakland A's 3; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Chicago White Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 8, Texas Rangers 2; New York Yankees 4, Seattle Mariners 3. National League: Friday: Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Montreal Expos 4; Houston Astros 2, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Cincinnati Reds 3, Chicago Cubs 2; St Louis Cardinals 6, Atlanta Braves 2; San Francisco Giants 4, Philadelphia Phillies 1; San Diego Padres 6, New York Mets 1; San Diego Padres 3, New York Mets 0. Saturday: New York Mets 5, San Diego Padres 1; Philadelphia Phillies 9, San Francisco Giants 2; Montreal Expos 5, Los Angles Dodgers 2; Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati Reds 0; St Louis Cardinals 7, Atlanta Braves 0.

BASKETBALL

GMUNDEN, Austria: Junior tournament: USA 97, USSR 85; England 92, Hungary 77; West Germany 67, Austria 48. Final positions: 1, USA; 2, England.

CYCLING

DEN BOSCH, The Netherlands: Fifth stage, first section: 1, E Vanderaerden (Bel), 125km in 2hr 38min 18sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire), 2:38:23; 3, W De Vos (Bel), 2:38:25; 4, L de Ven (Net), 2:38.28; 5, J Rivers (Neth); 6, R Hofedizk (WG), same time. Second section, team time trial: 1, Panasonic 36.6km in 43:28.89; 2, Kwantum 44:20.84; 3, Verandalux 44:57.89. Final overall: 1, Vanderaerden, 25:23:37; 2, T De Rooy (Neth), at 50sec; 3, A van Houwalingen (Neth), 1:01; 4, A van der Poel (Neth), 1:02; 5, Vlek, 1:15; 6, T Poels (Neth), 1:19. Other placing: 8, S Kelly (Ire), 1:36.

GOLF

AKRON, Ohio: World Series (US unless stated): 282: D Watson (SA), 74, 71, 68; R Mailliet, 65, 69, 74, 284: G Brand jnr (GB), 67, 67, 70, 72; T Kite, 67, 68, 70; G Archer, 67, 73, 65; W Blackburn, 67, 71, 67; M McCumber, 69, 68, 68. 286: C Peete, 66, 69, 71; H Sutton, 69, 68, 70. Other British: 220: Paul Way, 75, 70, 75.

DENVER: LPGA National Pro-Am (all US): 210: A Alcott, 72, 68, 70. 212: L Garbacz, 70, 69, 73. 214: B Solomon, 74, 70, 70. 215: K Baker, 70, 72, 73; R Jones, 71, 72, 72; S Pearson, 70, 73, 72.

CARACAS: World Professional Championship: American zone preliminary: Final qualifiers: 1, Uruguay 289 (A Canessa, 67, 73, G Echeverry, 72, 77); 2, Chile 291 (F Cerda, 73, 65, L Torres, 75, 78); 3, Paraguay 295 (A Franco, 71, 74; E Franco, 73, 78).

COLORADO SPRINGS: World Senior Team Tournament: 1 equal, USA and the Philippines 427. 3, Switzerland 431. 4, Australia 441. 5 equal, Canada and Channel Islands 444.

ICE SKATING

ST GERVAIS, France: International Competition: Men: 1, D Mattis (US), 6.2 pts. 10, P Robinson(GB), 20. Women: 1, T Dantgate (US), 5.4, 4, J Conway (GB) 9; 10, R Powell (GB), 22.

TABLE TENNIS

FOSHAN, China: World Cup: Quarter finals: A Grubba (Pol) bt E Boggan (US), 21-12, 21-14, 9-21, 21-18; Jang Jialiang (China) bt Lo Chan Tsung (HK), 23-21, 21-17, 21-17; Chen Longcan (China) bt Kim Ki Taek (S Korea), 18-21, 21-17, 21-12, 21-13; Chen Zhibin (China) bt Jan-Ove Waldner (Swe), 18-21, 21-16, 21-13, 21-23, 21-18.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National Smallbore Pistol Meeting: Allies Challenge Cup (British short range championships): 1, D Killick (Leicester) 282; 2, G Robinson (Kensington) 281; 3, D Aust (Kent) 277. Open Champion Challenge Trophy (Class X aggregate): 1, D Young (US) 551; 2, I Lang (Cassell) 547; 3 P Leatherdale (Marylebone) 538. Derby Challenge Trophy: (Class B Aggregate): 1, K Morgan (Hollies) 916. Popesgrove Challenge Trophy (Class C Aggregate): 1, Mrs E Cunningham (East Barnet) 886. Grenez Challenge Trophy (Class D Aggregate): 1, D Clack (BSC) 880.

SHOW JUMPING

CHAUDFONTAINE, Belgium: International Championships: National Cup: 1, Netherlands 4 pts (J Tops, Sunai, 0 and 7 faults, E van der Vleuten, Expo Graphic, 0 and 0. H. Nooren, Glenn, 9.25 and 4. E Hendrix, Optiebeurs Een, 0 and 0.) 2, Belgium 8; 3 Britain 12 pts (J Homer, Llanamarrow, 0 and 0. J Germany, Mandingo, 8 and 4. H Dickinson, Just Malone, 4 and 0. Hefter, Viewpoint, 4 and abandoned). Leading standings in the President's Cup: 1, Britain 36 pts; 2 West Germany 30.5; 3 France 27.3.

CULPEPER, Virginia: US Cup: 1, M Smith (US), Calypso, 0 faults, 38; 4best; 2, A Kursinski (US), Rio D'ardeli, 0, 37; 3b; 16, T Grubb, (GB), Kelly.

PRAGUE: International event: 1, S Mapleson (GB), Match Pots, 1, 380pts; 2, R Guenther (EG), 1,200; 3, K H Schwab (WG), 1,190. National Cup: 1, West Germany (K-H Schwab, F Munter, J Schulze-Hesshaus, H Schmick 9.5 pts, 2, England, 12pts; 3, Austria 24.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Halifax 47, Cradley Heath 30; King's Lynn 34, Ipswich 44, Coventry 39, Swindon 38; Belle Vue 40, Sheffield 37; Oldord 43, Coventry 35.

CHALLENGE MATCH: Peterborough 29, King's Lynn 49.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Canterbury 43, Eastbourne 35; Berwick 43, Stoke 34; Hackney 48, Middlesbrough 29; Glasgow 48, Long Eaton 30. Postponed: Birmingham v Milledehall.

SWIMMING

INDIANAPOLIS: Synchronized World Cup: Compulsory figures: 1, C Waldo (Can) 96.400pts. Duet: 1, Waldo and M Cameron (Can) 191.667. Team: 1, Canada 198.900; 2, USA 187.716; 3, Japan 184.702.

MOTOR RACING

ZANDVOORT, The Netherlands: Formula 3000 European Championship: (204.096km): 1, C Danner (WG) March, 1hr 15min 19.025sec; 2, M Thackwell (NZ) Ralt, at 4.39s; 3, P Streiff (F) Tyrrell, 4.65; 4, Hampton, 2, Chelsey T 0; Hastings 2, L Burgess Hill 0; Hertigs T 1, Horsfield 1; Horley T 0, Walton & H 5; Horsham, YMCA 0, Whyteleafe 3; Kingsbury T 1, Clayton-Wingate 1; Lancing 0, Hythe T 3; Newbury T 2, Melksham T 1; Rainham T 1, Littlehampton T 2; Ringmer 2, Whitstable T 1; Thanet Utd 3, Chichester C 1, Three Bridges 2, Lewes 3; Tilbury 2, Maidenhead Utd 0; Tonbridge AFC 3, Horsham 0; Uxbridge 3, Corinthians-Cas 0; Ashford 5, Faversham 1. Rothwell Sq, Hemel Hempstead 3; Royston 2, March 7; Sudbury 2, Tiptree Utd 0; Chatteris 0, Newmarket 3; Stowmarket 3, Flackwell-Heath 0; Histon 3, Soham 0; Chalfont St Peter 2, Banbury Utd 1; Lowestoft 2, Bury 0; Great Yarmouth 2, Burnham and Hillingdon 0; Wootton Blue Cross 0, Woodford 1; St Albans 1, Wolverton 1; Barton Rvrs 2, Chesham 1; Harwich and P 2, Hoddesdon 3 (AET); Hertford 1, Harefield 1; Accrington Farsley Celtic 2, Seaham CW 0; Stanley 2, Darwen 0; Langley Park Welfare 2, Horden CW 6; Evenwood 1, Crook 6; Ashington 0, Durham 2; Eppleton CW 5, Yorkshire Amateurs 1; Lancaster 1, Willington 0; Shildon 3, Esh Winning 1; Easington Colliery 2, Billingham 3; Garforth 1, Northallerton 2; Norton and Stockton 1, Shotton Comrades 1; Chadderton 2, Ashton Utd 2; Nantwich 1, Glossop ; Caernarfon 1, Congleton 1; Leek 0, Armitage 0; Colwyn Bay 3, Lyland Motors 1; Chesterfield 2, Oldbury Utd 3; Boston 0, Atherstone Utd 2; Lye Town 2, Sutton Coldfield 1 (at Sutton); Wellingborough 4, Wigston Fields 0; Stavanage Borough 2, Leamington 1.

MULTIPART LEAGUE (formerly Northern Premier): Bangor 1, Workington 1; Buxton 3, Southport 2; Chorley 0, Gainsborough Trin 2; Goole T 0, Macclesfield T 0; Harwich 1, Workington T 3; Marine 1, Burton Alb 3; Matlock T 2, S Liverpool 1; Moseley 1, Morcombe 1; Oswestry T 2, Hyde Utd 2; Witton Alb 0, Gateshead 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier: Alvechurch 4, Chelmsford C 2; Basingstoke 0, Corby 4; Bedworth Utd 1, Fareham T 1; Crawley 3, Dudley T 1; Fisher 0, Willenhall T 1; Folkestone 0, Aylesbury Utd 0; Gravesend & N 0, Witney T 3; King's Lynn 2, R S Southampton 0; Welling Utd 1, Shepshed/Charterhouse 0; Worcester C 0, Gosport Boro 1. Midland division: Bilston 2, Merthyr Tydfil 0; Gloucester City 1, Stourbridge 1; Leicester United 0, Bridgnorth T 0; Mile Oak Rovers 2, Bromsgrove Rovers 2; Moor Green 1, Redditch 2; VS Rugby 4, Hednesford Town 1. Southern division: Andover 1, Cambridge City 5; Corinthian 3, Waterlooville 0; Dunstable 1, Canterbury City 1; Salisbury 5, Ruislip 1.

SOVIET UNION: World Youth Championship: Group "A" (Yerevan): Hungary 2, Colombia 2; Tunisia 0, Bulgaria 2. Group "B" (Yerevan): Ireland 1, Brazil 2; Saudi Arabia 0, Spain 0. Group "C" (Minsk): Nigeria 2, Canada 0; Soviet Union 0, Australia 0. Group "D" (Baku): England 2 (Wakenshaw, Wood) Paraguay 2; China 1, Mexico 3.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

First division

Arsenal	1	Manchester United	2
Aston Villa	1	QPR	2
Chelsea	2	Birmingham City	0
Everton	1	Coventry City	1
Ipswich Town	1	Tottenham	0
Manchester City	1	Sheffield Wed	3
Newcastle United	2	Liverpool	0
Nottingham Forest	2	Southampton	1
Oxford United	5	Leicester City	0
Watford	5	West Bromwich	1
West Ham United	0	Luton Town	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
Sheffield Wed	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Chelsea	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Watford	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
QPR	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Oxford United	3	1	2	0	7	2	5
Luton Town	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Newcastle United	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Tottenham	3	1	1	1	5	2	4
Liverpool	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Everton	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Nottingham Forest	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Leicester City	3	1	1	1	3	7	4
West Ham United	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Ipswich Town	3	1	0	2	2	1	3
Arsenal	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Birmingham City	3	1	0	2	1	5	3
Coventry City	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Manchester City	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Southampton	3	0	1	2	4	5	1
Aston Villa	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
West Bromwich	3	0	1	2	2	8	1

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Motherwell	1
Clydebank	0	Celtic	3
Dundee United	2	Dundee	0
Hibernian	2	St Mirren	0
Rangers	3	Hearts	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Celtic	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
St Mirren	3	2	0	1	10	5	4
Aberdeen	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Clydebank	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Dundee United	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Motherwell	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Dundee	3	1	0	2	2	7	2
Hearts	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
Hibernian	3	0	0	3	3	9	0

GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham 2, Kettering 2; Bath C 0, Norwich Vic 0; Boston Utd 3, Nuneaton Boro 2; Cheltenham 3, Maidstone Utd 1; Frickley Ath 1, Enfield 4; Kidderminster H 2, Dagenham 0; Scarborough 1, Dartford 1; Stafford Rgrs 2, Weymouth 3; Telford Utd 2, Barnet 2; Wealdstone 4, Barrow 0; Wycombe Wdrs 0, Runcorn 1.

IRISH LEAGUE (LISTER CUP: Ards 1, Chimney Corner 0; Coleraine 4, Crusaders 3; Distillery 3, Bangor 0; Glentoran 2, Glenavon 0; Larne 0, Carrick Rgrs 1; Linfield 1, Cliftonville 0; Newry T 1, Dundela 4; Portadown 3, Ballymena Utd 2.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW: Lingfield v Glenavon; Glentoran v Cliftonville; Coleraine v Dundela; Portadown v Larne.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton 3, Appleby Frodingham 0; Armthorpe Welfare 2, Denaby 4; Bentley Victoria 0, Long Eaton 2; Pontefract Colt 3, Sutton Town 4.

WESTERN LEAGUE – Premier: Bideford 1, Plymouth Argyle 0; Bristol City 1, Chippenham T 2; Clevedon T 3, Liskeard Ath 2; Paulton Rovers 6, Fr

CRICKET: VICTORIOUS 12 NAMED FOR FINAL TEST AT THE OVAL

Selectors stick to their guns for Ashes showdown

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

By choosing the same 12 players to present themselves at the Oval om Thursday for the sixth and last Test match against Australia, sponsored by Cornhill, as went to Edgbaston for the fifth, the England selectors have kept down to 17 the number they will have called on this season. This is below the average for an Australian series, the reason being that the first six batting places have remained unchanged, other than when two nightwatchmen were employed at Lord's.

Normally, through injury or lack of form, battling changes have to be made. In 1981, 11 different batsmen were chosen for one Test or another against Australia. So they were in 1948. In 1921 no fewer than 19 were. Last year nine played against West Indies, though then, too, Lamb, Gower and Botham were ever-present. Lamb, incidentally, has played in England's last 37 Test matches and Gower in the last 44.

It is getting on for 50 years since England enjoyed a succession of higher totals than they are at the moment. In nine Test matches between June 1938 and March 1939, against Australia in England and South Africa out there, Hammond's side made seven totals of over 400, four of them being over 550. Since last November, Gower's side have now played 10 Test matches, in which they have passed 500 three times and 400 on four other occasions.

This means, firstly, that England can still produce prolific batting sides, despite all the one-day cricket they play, and secondly that it is one thing playing against India and Australia and quite another to play West Indies. Last year England reached 300 only once in 10 innings against Clive Lloyd's storm-troopers.

Only two changes are likely to have been contemplated in the 12 for Thursday: a different wicketkeeper and another fast bowler. Downton's retention means that he can be sure now of being chosen again for West Indies, where he played in three Test matches in 1980-81. The fact that officials of the West Indian Board of Control flew to England over the weekend suggests that negotiations regarding England's winter tour are coming to a head.

Although in the 12 for Thursday, Agnew could again be left out. The last place rests presumably between him and Taylor. It can be said for Taylor that he was unlucky at Edgbaston, where he had Wessels missed at slip early in each innings, and for Agnew that his best spell for England was at the Oval against the West Indies a year ago, when Greenidge and Richards gave him his first Test wickets. In theory the extra bounce expected here should suit Agnew the better of the two.

We have reached the time of year when players who were near to selection for a Test match but just missed it, such as Lawrence, of Gloucestershire, and Thomas, of Glamorgan, wonder whether their day will ever come, while others know that it has probably gone for good, Lever, Knott, Pocock, Randall, Underwood and Boycott fall into the second category. Lever and Knott must both have been close to recall. So, I think, was Dilley, but at 26 he is still plenty young enough to get back.

For batsmen eager to get into the Test side, it has been a frustrating season watching those in possession doing so well. Christopher Smith, Slack, and Athey have all made a lot of good runs, as they well might have done, given the chance, in the Test matches. So, of course, might Randall, who has never had a better season.

But the batsmen being most widely canvassed to go to West Indies, in addition to the regular first six, are Willey, because he is tough, and David Smith, formerly of Surrey and now with Worcestershire, because he stands up well to fast bowling. When the touring team comes to be chosen on September 19 there will be half a dozen English batsmen with an average of over 50 who rate no more than a passing mention, and that is very unusual.

England 12

	Age	Tests
*D I Gower (Leics)	28	75
J P Agnew (Leics)	25	3
I T Botham (Somerset)	29	78
†P R Downton (Middx)	28	20
P H Edmonds (Middx)	34	32
R M Ellison (Kent)	25	6
J E Emburey (Middx)	33	27
M W Gatting (Middx)	28	40
G A Gooch (Essex)	32	47
A J Lamb (Northants)	31	37
R T Robinson (Notts)	26	10
L B Taylor (Leics)	31	1

Current averages

Batting

	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
I T Botham	25	4	1442	152	68.66
R T Robinson	24	3	1364	175	64.95
G A Gooch	27	1	1480	202	56.92
M W Gatting	25	4	1173	160	55.85
D I Gower	22	2	1101	215	55.05
A J Lamb	19	3	778	122*	48.62
P R Downton	22	6	742	104	48.37
J E Emburey	18	4	471	68	33.64
R M Ellison	19	4	469	98	31.26
J P Agnew	10	2	107	36	13.37
L B Taylor	11	5	72	20*	12.00
P H Edmonds	17	1	133	27	8.31

*Not out

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg
R M Ellison	342.1	88	906	53	17.09
L B Taylor	471.2	125	1095	49	22.34
G A Gooch	216.4	56	556	22	25.27
J P Agnew	402.4	82	1368	54	25.33
P Edmonds	656.5	196	1438	55	26.14
M W Gatting	66.4	15	196	7	28.00
I T Botham	364.2	57	1254	38	33.00
J Emburey	607.1	182	1314	35	37.54
A J Lamb	4	1	17	0	–
R Robinson	1	0	8	0	–



Fraternal greetings: Chris Cowdrey (left) congratulates his brother Graham on reaching his 50 against the Australians at Canterbury yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Eventful day in field and rumblings off it

By Richard Streeton

CANTERBURY: The Australians, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 203 runs behind Kent.

Richard Ellison took two of the three wickets the Australians lost when they made a bad start against Kent yesterday before Ritchie and Wessels shared a three figure stand. An eventful day on the field was accompanied by domestic rumbling off it. Kent confirmed that their committee will consider disciplinary action against Graham Johnson who, on Saturday, had refused to play in this match.

Johnson, the 38-year-old all-rounder, was told a fortnight ago that his contract would not be renewed next season. Brian Luckhurst, the Kent manager, says Johnson was nominated to play when Kent had to make wholesale late changes after six other players dropped out through illness or injury.

Johnson was in the Kent 12 finally named for this match, though he would not have played had everyone else been fit. Penn was the last to drop out and Johnson was included but refused to play. Luckhurst himself took Johnson's place to appear, therefore, nine years after playing his last first class match.

Asked Kent's reaction to Johnson's attitude, Luckhurst said: "If the guy is asked to play and he does not want to – what can you do?" Luckhurst agreed it was a sad incident and that the Kent committee would now have to discuss whether to take disciplinary action. Johnson, who admitted he was "very hurt" when it was announced that his contract was not being renewed, was unavailable for comment last night.

The six Kent players to miss this match included Binson and Penn who have knee injuries and are expected to have operations in the autumn. Jarvis stood down with strained back and knee muscles, Larkin had groin and hamstring problems; and the other absentees were Dilley (influenza) and Tavaré (heavy cold).

Kent were in the final of the under-25 competition at Edgbaston yesterday, and with four players already missing this final, it was decided Luckhurst would play against the Australians to avoid depleting the second team further.

The Australians lost Hilditch, Wood and Wellham, in successive overs when their innings began. Hilditch edged an outswinger from Ellison and was caught behind; Wood was out in similar fashion against Baptiste; then Wellham was bowled as he pushed forward against Ellison. Underwood was watched carefully, but Ritchie and Wessels were not under a great deal of pressure once the neww ball bowlers rested and both made several aggressive strokes.

There were three brief interruptions for rain as Kent reached 333 after making 181 for 4 in the 60 overs possible on Saturday. Potter was soon leg before to Gilbert, who did his chances of winning a place in the final Test match no harm with some tidy bowling. Ellison was unluckily run out with a return drive by Graham Cowdrey against Bennett was deflected into the stumps off the bowler's boot.

Graham Cowdrrey batted in a composed manner for three hours in all before he hooked a short ball from Thomson to long leg. Chris Cowdrey lost sight of a buncer from McDermott and was caught at gully off his glove. Luckhurst, who was warmly applauded, stayed nine overs before he was caught at fourth slip.

KENT: First innings

N R Taylor l-b-w b Gilbert	5
S G Hinks c Phillips b Gilbert	15
D G Aslett run out	24
L Potter l-b-w b Gilbert	58
E A E Baptiste c Thomson b Bennett	45
G R Cowdrey c Gilbert b Thomson	51
R M Ellison run out	29
*C S Cowdrey c Bennett b McDermott	35
†S Marsh not out	31
R W Luckhurst c Border b McDermott	1
D L Underwood b McDermott	3
Extras (b 4, l-b 6, w 2, n-b 24)	36
Total	333

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–9, 2–34, 3–57, 4–137, 5–194, 6–232, 7–271, 8–301, 9–326, 10–333.

BOWLING: McDermott 24.5–3–104–3; Gilbert 26–5–62–3; Wessels 10–4–22–0; Bennett 3–8–99–1; Hilditch 4–2–10–0; Border 2–1–1–0; Thomson 7–1–25–1.

AUSTRALIANS: First innings

G M Wood c Marsh b Baptiste	8
A M J Hilditch c Marsh b Ellison	16
K C Wessels not out	47
D M Wellham b Ellison	1
G M Ritchie not out	58
Total (3 wkts)	130

*A R Border, M J Bennett, †R B Phillips, C J McDermott, J R Thomson and D R Gilbert to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–24, 2–24, 3–29.

Umpires: J A Jameson and B Leadbeater.

Larkins and Lamb on a high

By Marcus Williams

GUILDFORD: Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 93 runs.

Northamptonshire maintained their challenge for the John Player League title with a comprehensive demolition of Surrey yesterday. They had to thank Larkins and Lamb, who hit 126 and 132 not out respectively, for a county record total in the competition of 306 for two, and though Lynch and Needham batted spiritedly in reply, Surrey were never in contention.

The short boundaries and easy-paced pitch of the Woodbridge Road ground have consistently proved popular with the game's big hitters and against a Surrey attack deprived, for various reasons, of the services of Gray, Monkhouse, Thomas, Pocock and Jesty, the Northamptonshire pair took full advantage.

The start had given no hint of the feast of runs to come, for the total was 56 in the fourteenth over when Bailey was leg-before to Pauline, and at the half-way stage Northamptonshire had reached only 89. Thereafter the punishment began, Larkins peppering the leg side with customary power and Lamb driving and clipping the ball off his toes with superb timing.

The partnership was worth 176 off only 20 overs when Larkins was caught at wide long-off. He smote eight sixes and five fours and his last 76 runs required only 39 balls. With six overs remaining, Lamb assumed the role of the main aggressor.

A chipped four to midwicket off Waterman brought him to three figures off 74 balls and with a nonchalant six (his fourth in addition to fourteen fours) from the final ball of the innings, he achieved his best score in the Sunday league. Northamptonshire's total was just four runs short of the highest in the competition.

After Surrey had lost their openers in the first eight overs, Lynch briefly kept them up with the rate, hitting four sixes in reaching 50 off 32 balls; but when he fell in the sixteenth over, only Needham stayed long. His dismissal in a mix-up with Feltham was symptomatic of Surrey's plight.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

W Larkins c Ward b Felton	126
R J Bailey l-b-w b Pauline	21
A J Lamb not out	132
R A Harper not out	13
Extras (b 4, l-b 7, w 3)	14
Total (2 wkts, 40 overs)	306

R J Boyd-Moas, R G Williams, D J Wild, D J Walker, *G Cook, †D Ripley and N A Mallender did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–56, 2–232.

BOWLING: Waterman 8–1–46–0; Doughty 8–0–48–0; Felton 6–0–72–1; Pauline 8–0–53–1; Needham 4–0–33–0; Butcher 4–0–45–0.

SURREY

*A R Butcher c Ripley b Walker	9
G S Clinton b Mallender	13
M A Lynch c Harper b Wild	55
†A J Stewart b Harper	11
A Needham run out	51
D M Ward c Cook b Harper	9
R J Doughty c Walker b Wild	10
M A Feltham b Walker	31
D B Pauline c Wild b Williams	3
C K Bullen c Wild b Williams	9
P A Waterman not out	0
Extras (l-b 9, w 2, n-b 1)	12
Total (35.1 overs)	213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–21, 2–29, 3–66, 4–104, 5–132, 6–155, 7–188, 8–197, 9–212, 10–213.

BOWLING: Mallender 5–0–19–1; Walker 8.1–0–36–2; Harper 8–0–40–2; Larkins 3–0–39–0; Wild 8–0–44–2; Williams 5–0–35–2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and A A Jones.

John Player League

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Sussex (3)	13	8	4	0	1	34
Northants (12)	14	6	3	1	4	34
Essex (1)	13	6	3	1	3	32
Hampshire (9)	13	6	3	0	4	32
Yorkshire (13)	14	6	4	0	4	32
Leics (13)	13	5	2	1	5	32
Kent (5)	13	5	4	0	3	30
Notts (2)	14	6	5	0	2	28
Middlesex (5)	14	5	5	0	4	28
Derbyshire (17)	13	5	5	0	3	28
Glamorgan (9)	14	4	5	1	4	26
Lancashire (4)	15	3	5	2	5	26
Gloucester (13)	14	6	8	0	0	24
Warwickshire (7)	13	5	6	0	2	24
Somerset (13)	14	3	6	0	5	22
Worcester (5)	13	3	8	0	2	16
Surrey (8)	13	2	8	0	3	14

(1984 positions in brackets)

No play yesterday

John Player League

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Somerset. No result (2 pts each).

WARWICK UNDER–25 COMPETITION

EDGBASTON: Finals: Warwickshire 233 for 8 (Asif Din 75); Kent 188 for 8 (T Ward 88, S N V Waterton 56 not out). Warwickshire won by 45 runs.

ATHLETICS

Maree watches the clock and misses world's best time

From Pat Butcher, Cologne

The group of pigeons swooping around the Muengersdorff stadium all afternoon stayed resolutely grounded while Sydney Maree winged his way past them on the last lap of the 1,500 metres. It was a sign. For Maree just failed to be the cat amonthe metaphoric middle-distance pigeons when he was 0.32sec outside the world 1,500 metres record that Said Aouita set last Friday in Berlin, that coming just over a month after Steve Cram's previous record.

For most of the race, Maree was inside the Aouita's sensible event though the South African-born American was some way behind the pace-making Busshof borthers, Michael and Wolfgang, who shared the pace through 400 metres in 52.61sec, an incredible four seconds faster than Aouita's pace-maker, and 800 metres in 1min 50.35sec – still three seconds faster.

The Somalian Abdi Bc Abdi, another world-class miler himself, in the mould of Frank O'Mara and Omar Khalifa, the secondary pacemakers for Aouita and Cram, ra through 1,200 metres in 2min 47.43sec, still a second inside Aouita.

Maree then tried to maintain that elevated pace, but made the mistake, on his own admission later, of watching the stadium clock tick away the seconds during the last few metres instead of concentrating on the line.

Nevertheless, Maree became the third man to break 3min 30sec for the 1,500 metres, in the last six weeks. He also took over the American record from Steve Scott, in what is a curious situation. Scott's record, 3min 31.66sec from Nice behind Cram, was pre-dated by Maree's world record of 3:31.24, set in this same stadium here two years ago. But Maree's American citizenship had not then been conferred.

Sebastian Coe was about as far from catching Joaquim Cruz in the 800 metres as the Brazilian is from capturing Coe's would record for that distance. Juma Ndiwa, of Kenya, led through one of the fastest first lap of the season in 48.42, with Cruz following, and Coe having to make up three places from the break for lanes until he got in behind Cruz at the bell.

The Brazilian took over the lead with 300 metres to run, and maintained a two-metre gap over Coe until the line. The Brazilian, whose season has had as many tribulations as Coe's, has now repeated the sort of sequence he had in the Olympics, knocking about half a second off his time in three successive races.

Cruz runs the same distance in Koblenz on Wednesday, saying it will be one of his last attempts at Coe's record of 1min. 41.73sec, since he is moving up to 1,500 metres next year.

The Brazilian now has five 800 metre times, the most under 1min 43sec. And Coe, in running his third-fastest ever, confirmed what he said later, that the reason people think he has had a disappointing season is because he is not winning. But he said: "I'm not complaining. I've been running world-class times. I do think I'm 20 per cent down on my optimum form, but after my problems I'm just glad to finish he season in one piece. I'll probably have my last race in Brussels on Friday".

Mary Slaney continued her unbeaten season by again winning over Mariciea Puica, the Romanian who won that Olympic 3,000 metres where the then-Miss Decker fell. And yesterday was the same distance. Mrs Puica, after her defeat and loss of her world mile record to Mrs Slaney in Zurich last Wednesday, tried to pass the front-running American a little earlier in the race.

It was still too late with 100 metres to go, for Mrs Slaney was barely headed before forging ahead to another victory in 8min 29.69sec, an American record, with Mrs Puica on 8min 30.32sec, setting another national record in Mrs Slaney's wake.



Maree: US record

Individuals with a collective spirit

From Pat Butcher
Cottbus

Cottbus may seem no more than a comma in the list of athletics stops which include Moscow, Zurich, Berlin, Brussels and Rome in this latter part of the season – but the little East German town was worth more than a pause. For it was the venue for the eighth European junior championships, the proving ground for tomorrow's stars.

By the time we had driven the 150 kilometres south from Friday night's Mobil Grand Prix meeting in Berlin where Said Aouita had broken Steve Cram's 1,500 metres world record, the British junior team were already well on their way to eight gold medals, beating their previous best of five in 1979. That was the year Cram, in winning the 3,000 metres, first manifested the talent which has made him, despite Aouita's considerable claims, the current leading middle distance runner in the world.

Although athletics is one of the most individual of sports, the British, athletes, coaches, administrators and other officials feel that they have come closest to making this a team sport. Their team manager, Ray Barrows, talked about the continuity of administration built up over the last eight years, with coaching changes every three years, a plan which has resulted in what Saturday's winners, Roger Black in the 400m, and Paul Taylor in the 5,000m, readily concurred in calling "the best team we've ever been on".

The East German hosts, who are experiencing a wobble on the best athletics training machine in the world, were not too surprised by Elliott Bunney, whose victory in the 100m lifted the spirits of his 17 and 18-year old peers, because a Britain had won two of the previous short sprint titles. But there was some pleasure in noting that the Scot's leg speed, which makes him look like a mobile sewing machine, is just like their own Marlies Goehr.

And when Jon Ridgeons, Ade Mafe and Black won, the only surprise was their margin of victory. But the real shock had come with John Hill's win, the first time in over 30 years that a British high jumper has even got a medal at any level of international competition.

This is the area where the money coming into British athletics is being put to its best use, as the director of coaching, Frank Dick, admits.

"The overall sponsorship from Dairy Crest is bolstering what was already an effective administration of a huge groundswell of talent. But the money from Minolta for field events' seminars is the sort of thing that has led to Hill's victory." The nexus of Dick's philosophy for the juniors is: "the preparation in a season is aimed at specific targets. We have a growing number of coaches who are helping the junior athletes to achieve those specific targets. If they get it as European juniors, they will still have it at Commonwealth, European and Olympic levle."

Quite separately, Ridgeon echoed that philosophy and reminded us that athletics still thrives on championships when he said: "I may not win week in and week out, but I think I do rise to the big occasion."

Saturday

MEN: Winners and GB and Ireland: 400 metres: O Pezmogovenskiy (USSR), 53.37. 800m: 1, G Sedlakova (Cz) and M Pinles (Rom), 4:16.32; 12, B Smyth (GB), 4:27.62. 1,500m: 2, I Wyludda (GD), 17.33sec; 9, C Bradley (GB), 48.52m; 13, K Farr (GB), 41.42m. Javelin: R Kempler (ES), 81.70m; 8, K Hough (GB), 51.68m.

Yesterday

MEN: 200m: A Mafe (GB), 20.54; 2, R Ashby (GB), 20.85. 400m Hurdles: O Singatullin (USSR), 50.84. 800m: R Shumann (EG), 1:51.28; 4, P Williams (GB), 1:52.18; 8, D Sharpe (GB), 1:53.38. 3000m: N O'Brien (Ire), 8:10.75; 3, J Nuttall (GB), 8:11.72. Shot: S Suder (EG), 19.34m; 8, C Ellis (GB), 16.42m. Triple jump: V Mal (EG), 16.53m; 5, L Lynch (GB), 15.58m. 4 x 100m relay finals: Britain (Mackenzie, Burney, Ashby, Regis) 39.80. 4 x 400m relay final: Britain (Tyler, Rigg, Mafe, Black) 3:07.18.

WOMEN: 400m hurdles: 1, C Bard (EG) 58.22. 200 metres: 1, K Behrend (EG) 23.21; 2, L Stuart (GB) 23.83; 5, D Flockhart (GB) 24.10. 3,000 metres: 1, C Palacesu (Rum) 9:05.52. Heptathlon: Final standings: 1, E Dimitrova (Bul) 6,079pts. High Jump: 1, N Golodnova (USSR) 1.94m. British placings: 4, J Barmeson 1.88; 9, L Manning 1.75. 4x100m relay final: 1, E Germany 44.30; 3, Britain (Miles, Oladapo, Clemens, Stuart) 44.78. 4x400m relay final: 1, W Germany 3:32.67; 3, Britain (Horley, Robinson, Flockhart, Hall) 3:35.10.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, W Banks (US), 17.07 metres; 2, W Zinser (WG), 16.92; 3, Z Hoffmann (Pol), 16.82.

JAVELIN: 1, T Petranoff (US), 88.12 metres; 2, E Vanjakmson (Ice), 86.84; 3, W Gambke (WG), 84.48.

Women

100 METRES: 1, F Griffith (US), 11.13sec; 2, M Otey-Page (Jam), 11.20; 3, V Brisko-Hooks (US), 11.21.

800 METRES: 1, J Kratochvilova (Cz), 1min 57.63sec; 2, D Mellinte (Rom), 1:57.90; 3, F Lovin (Rom), 1:58.21.

3,000 METRES: 1, M Slaney (US) (national record), 8min, 29.69sec; 2, M Puica (Rom), 8:30.32; 3, L Williams (Can), 8:37.98.

100 METRES HURDLES: 1, G Sagortscheva (Bul), 12.75sec; 2, U Dask (WG), 12.90; 3, G Young (US), 13.06.

400 METRES HURDLES: 1, D Flintoff (Aus), 56.20sec; 2, J Brown-King (US), 56.36; 3, G Blazcak (Poland), 56.65.

HIGH JUMP: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.00 metres; 2, T Bykova (USSR), 1.91; 3, M Ewanje-Epee (Fr), 1.88.

LONG JUMP: 1, L Myricks (US), 6.18 metres; 2, M Conley (US) 8.10; 3, S Lajevska (USSR), 8.04.

SHOT: 1, J Joyner (US), 7.00 metres; 2, C Lewis (US), 6.57; 3, A Bubala (WG), 6.51.

Cram injured and out

Steve Cram suffered a hamstring injury in training yesterday and has withdrawn from today's two-mile world record attempt at Crystal Palace. He has also withdrawn from a meeting in Koblenz on Wednesday and the grand prix event in Brussels on Friday.

There must also be some doubt about his fitness for the grand prix final in Rome on September 7.

Cram normally finishes his training sessions with two sprints of 150 yards and two of 100. It was on the second of his two 150-yard dashes that he felt the hamstring go. His physiotherapist immediately bound his leg and ordered complete rest. No attempt will be made to assess the injury until today.

"I am very disappointed about the whole thing", Cram said later. "Complete rest is my order at the moment."

Cram has had a punishing season. Last week he admitted that he was beginning to feel the strain. He broke three world records in 19 days – the 1,500 metres, mile and 2,000 metres – won the European Cup 1,500 metres and last week defeated the Olympic 800 metres champion, Joaquim Cruz. He also narrowly failed to set a new world 1,000 metres record in front of his home crowd at Gateshead.

Cram was due to attack Steve Ovett's seven-year old world two-miles record in the MeVitie's challenge match between England, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia today. His place in the England team, alongside Ovett, will be taken by Steve Harris, who was third in the European Cup 5,000 metres in Moscow.

RESULTS FROM COLOGNE

Men

100 METRES: 1, M Woronin (Pol), 10.19sec; 2, C Lewis (US), 10.27; 3, K Baptiste (US), 10.29.

200 METRES: 1, C Smith (US), 20.50sec; 2, A Yevgenyev (USSR), 20.68; 3, H Thomas (US), 20.68.

400 METRES: 1, M Franks (US), 44.98sec; 2, R Armstead (US), 45.07; 3, B Cameron (Jam), 45.13.

800 METRES: 1, J Cruz (Bra), 1min 42.54sec; 2, S Coe (GB), 1:43.07; 3, J Gray (US), 1:43.53.

1,500 METRES: 1, S Maree (US, national record), 3min 29.77sec; 2, J Abascal (Spt), 3:32.73; 3, O Khalifa (Sudan), 3:35.67.

110 METRES HURDLES: 1, G Foster (US), 13.25sec; 2, A Phillips (US), 13.36; 3, T Campbell (US), 13.46.

400 METRES HURDLES: 1, H Schmid (WG), 48.17sec; 2, D Harris (US), 48.19; 3, A Vassiliyev (USSR), 48.57.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: 1, J Mahmoud (Fr) 8 min 17.89 sec; 2, K Wessolowski (Pol), 8:18.39; 3, F Sanchez (Sp), 8:25.53.

HIGH JUMP: 1, J Howard (US), 2.25 metres; 2, M Otley (Can) 2.22; 3, J Wszola (Pol), 2.22.

LONG JUMP: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.18 metres; 2, M Conley (US) 8.10; 3, S Lajevska (USSR), 8.04.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, W Banks (US), 17.07 metres; 2, W Zinser (WG), 16.92; 3, Z Hoffmann (Pol), 16.82.

JAVELIN: 1, T Petranoff (US), 88.12 metres; 2, E Vanjakmson (Ice), 86.84; 3, W Gambke (WG), 84.48.

Women

100 METRES: 1, F Griffith (US), 11.13sec; 2, M Otey-Page (Jam), 11.20; 3, V Brisko-Hooks (US), 11.21.

800 METRES: 1, J Kratochvilova (Cz), 1min 57.63sec; 2, D Mellinte (Rom), 1:57.90; 3, F Lovin (Rom), 1:58.21.

3,000 METRES: 1, M Slaney (US) (national record), 8min, 29.69sec; 2, M Puica (Rom), 8:30.32; 3, L Williams (Can), 8:37.98.

100 METRES HURDLES: 1, G Sagortscheva (Bul), 12.75sec; 2, U Dask (WG), 12.90; 3, G Young (US), 13.06.

400 METRES HURDLES: 1, D Flintoff (Aus), 56.20sec; 2, J Brown-King (US), 56.36; 3, G Blazcak (Poland), 56.65.

HIGH JUMP: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.00 metres; 2, T Bykova (USSR), 1.91; 3, M Ewanje-Epee (Fr), 1.88.

LONG JUMP: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.18 metres; 2, M Conley (US) 8.10; 3, S Lajevska (USSR), 8.04.

SHOT: 1, J Joyner (US), 7.00 metres; 2, C Lewis (US), 6.57; 3, A Bubala (WG), 6.51.

Leaders held up

By Ivo Tennant

Little could be gleaned from Saturday's cricket as the outcome of the county championship. Neither Gloucestershire, the leaders, nor Middlesex, who have played a game more, made any headway; indeed, neither gained so much as a bonus point.

On yet another day when matches all round the country were disrupted by rain, Gloucestershire were put in by Hampshire and crawled to 89 for five. Hampshire have to win in Bournemouth Week to stay in contention for the title.

Middlesex were kept trailing in the field at Hove, largely by a 138-run opening stand between Mendis and Green, the Sussex openers. As well as Daniel bowled, their catching let them down.

Surrey, too, effectively have to win their current match if they are to impinge on the progress of the two front runners. At Chelmsford they were put in by Essex and, after a rapid start by Butcher and Clinton, subsided in the face of accurate medium-pace from Foster and Gooch.

Elsewhere, Randall maintained his excellent form this season, scoring 94 for Nottinghamshire against Derbyshire, and at Edgbaston, Small, Warwickshire's fast bowler, took five Worcestershire wickets for 24. Worcestershire collapsing to 115 all out.

Sri Lankans beaten in last over

Colombo (Reuter) – India scored an exciting two-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the first one-day international yesterday, passing the home side's score of 241 for six with only three balls to spare.

Set a target of 5.35 runs per over, India scrambling six runs off the first three balls of the 45th and last over to beat what appeared to be a winning Sri Lankan score.

India started well as openers Krishnamachari Srikkanth and Ravi Shastri scored 67 runs in 17 overs before Srikkanth was caught for 29. Shastri was joined by Dilip Vengsarkar, and the pair added 54 runs for the third wicket.

Kapil Dev hit 24, sharing a fifth wicket stand of 50 with Vengsarkar.

SRI LANKA

†S A R Silva c Chetan b Shastri	39
J R Ratnayake c Shastri b Amarnath	13
R S Madugalle c and b Ghopal Sharma	3
R L Dias b Chetan Sharma	89
A Ranatunga b Chetan Sharma	84
*L R D Mendis not out	29
P A de Silva b Chetan Sharma	4
A L F de Mel not out	2
Extras (l-b 10)	10
Total (6 wkts, 45 overs)	241

R J Ratnayake, R G C E Wijesuriya and V B John did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–34, 2–49, 3–82, 4–192, 5–227, 6–231.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9–1–47–0; Chetan Sharma 9–2–50–3; Ghopal Sharma 9–0–21–1; Amarnath 8–0–40–1; Shastri 5–0–35–1; Sivaramakrishnan 5–0–38–0.

INDIA

R J Shastri c Ratnayake b Ranatunga	67
K Srikkanth c de Mel b Wijesuriya	29
M Azharuddin b Wijesuriya	7
D B Vengsarkar c Ratnayake b Ratnayake	86
Kapil Dev c Silva b Ratnayake	24
*S M Gavaskar run out	0
M B Armamath c Silva b Ratnayake	2
Chetan Sharma run out	8
†S Viswanath not out	7
L Sivaramakrishnan not out	1
Extras (l-b 6, n-b 1, w 1)	8
Total (6 wkts, 44.3 overs)	242

Ghopal Sharma did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–67, 2–81, 3–135, 4–186, 5–196, 6–200, 7–221, 8–234.

BOWLING: de Mel 8.3–1–54–0; John 9–0–32–0; Ratnayake 9–0–35–2; Wijesuriya 8–0–56–2; Ranatunga 8–0–32–1, Ranatunga 4–0–27–1.

Blackpool in debt

Blackpool made a loss of £78,000 while winning promotion from the fourth division last season, despite reducing operating costs.

Saturday's scores

Britannic Assurance County Championship

CHELMSFORD: Surrey 207 for 7 (G S Clinton 81) v Essex.

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Yorkshire. No Play.

BOURNEMOUTH: Gloucestershire 89 for 5 v Hampshire.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Somerset. No play.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamtonshire 210 (R G Williams 96; P Willey 5 for 64); Leicestershire 13 for no wkt.

HOVE: Sussex 211 for 2 (A M Green 89, G D Mendis 72) v Middlesex.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire 313 (D W Randall 94, R T Robinson 52, D R Martindale 52; O H Mortensen 4 for 48) v Derbyshire.

EDGBASTON: Worcestershire 115 (G C Small 5 for 24); Warwickshire 33 for 1.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Derbyshire v Notts

AT HEANOR

Derbyshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 7 wickets.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

R T Robinson run out	38
B C Broad b Holding	14
D W Randall l-b-w b Mortensen	11
*C E B Rice c Morris b Roberts	15
P Johnson c Newman b Finney	37
R J Hadlee c Fell b Finney	17
†B N French l-b-w b Mortensen	4
C D Fraser-Darling b Newman	7
E E Hemmings not out	16
R A Pick not out	6
Extras (l-b 5, w 4, n-b 4)	13
Total (8 wkts, 37 overs)	179

K E Cooper did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–27, 2–46, 3–82, 4–89, 5–139, 6–144, 7–148, 8–167.

BOWLING: Holding 7–0–33–1; Finney 8–0–35–2; Mortensen 8–0–36–2; Newman 6–0–20–1; Roberts 4–0–28–1; Barnett 4–0–22–0.

DERBYSHIRE

I S Anderson c French b Pick	6
B Roberts not out	77
*K J Barnett c Randall b Fraser-Darling	34
M A Fell c Johnson b Cooper	10
J E Morris not out	38
Extras (l-b 9, w 5, n-b 1)	15
Total (3 wkts, 31.2 overs)	180

M A Holding, P G Newman, A M Brown, R J Finney, †C Marples and O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–72, 3–113.

BOWLING: Hadlee 7–1–30–0; Cooper 8–0–38–1; Pick 7–1–34–1; Fraser-Darling 2–0–24–1; Rice 6–0–30–0; Hemmings 1–0–12–0; Randall 0.2–0–3–0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and M J Kitchen.

Glamorgan v Yorkshire

AT SWANSEA

Glamorgan (4pts) beat Yorkshire on faster scoring rate.

GLAMORGAN

H Morris c Robinson b Oldham	7
G C Holmes st Bairstow b Carrick	27
Younis Ahmed c Bairstow b Carrick	28
*R C Ontong st Bairstow b Carrick	35
M Maynard c S N Hartley b Shaw	18
M R Price c Moxon b Shaw	7
†T Davies run out	1
J Derrick b Shaw	1
I Smith run out	3
S R Barwick b Oldham	1
L L McFarlane not out	0
Extras (l-b 6, w 2, n-b 2)	10
Total (28 overs)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–24, 2–63, 3–78, 4–123, 5–125, 6–129, 7–133, 8–134, 9–137, 10–138

BOWLING: P J Hartley 3–0–16–0; Pickles 6–2–28–0; Oldham 6–0–27–2; Carrick 6–0–36–3; Boycott 3–0–12–0; Shaw 4–0–15–3.

Worcs v Warwicks

AT WORCESTER

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis b Smith	57
D B D'Oliveira l-b-w b Wall	3
D M Smith b Gifford	35
G A Hick l-b-w b Gifford	2
*D N Patel c Hoffman b Gifford	45
M J Weston c Ferreira b Wall	4
†S J Rhodes not out	32
N V Radford not out	18
Extras (b 1, l-b 11, w 3, n-b 1)	16
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	212

P J Newport, J D Inchmore and S M McEwan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–84, 3–102, 4–108, 5–128, 6–188.

BOWLING: Wall 8–1–31–2; Hoffman 8–0–32–0; Smith 8–0–38–1; Ferreira 8–0–69–0; Gifford 8–0–39–3.

WARWICKSHIRE

T A Lloyd run out

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Glorious mud: Dave Thorpe, of Britain, on his way to victory in the Swiss 500cc motocross Grand Prix yesterday, a win which confirmed him as the World Champion.

RACING: HELEN STREET TO TAKE ON COMMANCHE RUN IN IRELAND

Petoski doubtful for St Leger after setback in training

By Michael Seely

Petoski, a short-priced favourite to give Dick Hern a seventh triumph in the St Leger after the three-year-old's gallant defeat of Oh So Sharp in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamon Stakes, cannot be regarded as a certain runner for the final classic.

"Petoski worked on Saturday morning," the Royal trainer said yesterday.

"But he has had a minor set back in training. It is too early yet to know what the effects may be. I hope to be able to make a statement in a couple of days' time. But don't forget that the big race is still three weeks away."

With no details of the setback being released, it is impossible to make a forecast about the likelihood of Petoski being in the line-up on September 14. However, it must not be forgotten that there was a similar scare only three days before last year's St Leger, when Commanche Run injured a knee prior to giving Lester Piggott his record 28th classic victory on Town Moor.

Hern had news of another big race candidate when he announced that Helen Street is to take on Commanche Run, Pebbles, Leading Counsel, and Palace Music in the £400,000 Phoenix Champion Stakes in Ireland on Sunday week.

"He won a slowly-run Irish Oaks over a mile and a half at the Curragh," he said, "but she then failed to stay the same distance in a more strongly-run race when third to Sally Brown in last week's Yorkshire Oaks.

From now until the end of the season the spotlight will be focussed on next year's potential stars. The first important meeting between Hern's and Henry Cecil's two-year-olds will take place at Sandown Park next Friday, when Faustus and New Trojan will meet in the Solario Stakes.

New Trojan won the Foxhall Stakes at the big Goodwood meeting, and Wassl Touch, the trainer's impressive Saturday scorer at the same fixture will now be aimed at either Doncaster's Champagne Stakes, or the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury.

Newmarket also featured some competitive two-year-old racing on Saturday. All three winners of that age group have definite pattern race potential. Luna Bid, debarred as a gelding from participating in group one races, is to go for the group two Mill Reef Stakes after a sparkling performance in the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloy Nursery.

Vainglorious was the disappointment of the race. Henry Candy's recent impressive course winner dropping back beaten two furlongs from home. "We thought he was sure to go close," Ginny Candy, the trainer's wife, said. "But the colt had a temperature of 102 when he got home".

Further evidence of the way the virus has upset this season's form was given when Beldale Star performed abysmally in the Danepak Bacon Stakes. And Henry Cecil was none too happy after Queen's Soldier, the even-money favourite, had only finished third behind Jeremy Hindley's impressive winner, Jewelled Reef.

"Quite a few of my horses have been wrong since a couple of day's before York," the five-times champion trainer said. "They have had puffy and filled legs, and slight temperatures.

The Dewhurst Stakes which is also the target of Nomination, the season's top two-year-old on form, is now firmly on the agenda for Tanaos, who became the sixth winning offspring of that remarkable mare, Stilvi, when beating Top Quest and Georgia River in the Midwich Computer Stakes.

Michael Stoute was at his local course to watch Shadeed, the 2,000 Guineas winner, work on the course after racing. "It was just to loosen the colt up," Stoute said.

"Shadeed could go for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. But I must stress that he will have to have an uninterrupted preparation, and that the ground will have to be good



Dick Hern: St Leger statement soon

Leading Counsel returns to form

The one-time Epsom Derby favourite, Leading Counsel, returned to winning form in the Persian Bold Stakes at Phoenix Park on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The son of Alleged put up a particularly good performance to give 8lb to the Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up, Celestial Bounty. Both first and second are owned by Robert Sangster.

Leading Counsel's trainer, Vincent O'Brien, now has three possible runners, Law Society, Leading Counsel and Gold Crest, in the Phoenix Champion Stakes on Sunday week.

Committed comfortably landed the odds in the Orchardsown Stud Stakes. Dermot Weld has an ambitious international treble in line for his five-year-old mare who will run in the Phoenix Park Five next month and then go to Longchamp for the Prix de l'Abbaye in October and on to America for the Breeder's Cup at Aqueduct on November 2.

Air de Cour battles to Grand Prix victory

From Desmond Stoneham, Deauville

A torrential downpour just before racing here yesterday completely drenched the already soft course which in England would not have been thought fit for racing.

The winner of the afternoon's feature race, the Grand Prix de Deauville, was Daniel Wildenstein's Air de Cour, who is trained by Patrick Biancone and ridden by Eric Legrix. The three-year-old son of Vigors had a sustained battle with Lashkari throughout the final furlong, before he went on to win by half a length, with Noble Fighter four lengths away, third, in front of Premier Role. The English trained favourite, Jupiter Island, who was ridden by Lester Piggott, took fifth place, but appeared to have broken down during the race.

Once again, an important French race had been well-planned by Biancone, who put in the pacemaker Maldoror, to ensure a good gallop for the more fancied Air de Cour.

Maldoror led Air de Cour and once the field of 11 reached the straight, Legrix took Air de Cour right over to the stands rail, which is a rare occurrence in a race over the Deauville round course.

With two furlongs left to run, Air de Cour led Lashkari and the latter might have just had his head in front with a furlong left to run. But Air de Cour, who was receiving 7lb more than weight for age, rallied gamely before going on to win.

The next race for Air de Cour, who was runner-up to Mouktar in the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) will be the Rothmans International at Woodbine in Canada in October.

Noble Fighter made late progress and Premier Role came with a run up the middle of the course. Jupiter Island appeared to lose his place on the far side of the course and on dismounting Piggott said: "I think he has broken down as he can't walk".

A little later, a happier Clive Brittain said: "He walked away sound, but I won't know whether he's OK until I get him home. He could have just been leg weary, and if a l is well his targets are the Arc and the Champion Stakes".

The group three Prix du Calvados went to Rayaonnante, who made virtually all the running in the hands of Yves Saint-Martin before defeating Glifahda and Savagette.

This afternoon Pennine Walk, the English challenger, looks certain to run well in the one mile Prix Quincey. Shmaireekh, the other English horse, should also play a prominent part. The danger to all could be the mudlark. Nikos.

Deauville details

Going: heavy

GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE (1m 5f)
1 AIR DE COUR (E Legrix); 2, Lashkari (Y Saint-Martin); 3, Noble Fighter (A Lequeux); 4, Premier Role (M Philipperon). ALSO RAN: Jupiter Island (5th), Gay Marino (6th), Magic Crystal (7th), Khaelan (8th), Maldoror (9th), Weinor (10th), Nugget Port, 11 ran. ½l, 4l, 1l, 5l, 2½l. P-L, Biancone. Pari-Mutuel: 3.80 (coupled with Maldoror), 1.60, 2.00, 3.50. DF: 11.20. 3min 14.1sec.

PRIX DU CALVADOS (7f) 1. RAYONNANTE (Y Saint-Martin); 2, Glifanda (F Head); 3, Savagette (A Perrotta); 4, Adorable Miss (G Guignard). ALSO RAN: Tearock (5th) Madame Nureyev (6th) Prospect Tora (7th) Gennevilliers (8th) Welcome Valentine, 9 ran. 1l, 2l, hd, 1l, sh nk, R Collet. Pari-Mutuel: 4.80: 1.90, 1.50, 3.10. DF: 8.20. 1mn 30.7sec. Welcome Valentine finished 4th, after a stewards' enquiry, was disqualified and placed last.

GOLF

German title retained by Langer

Bremen (Reuter) – Bernhard Langer collected his third West German Open title in five years when he shot a 62 in the third and final round to win by seven strokes here yesterday.

It was the reigning U.S. Masters champion's first European victory of the year, and afterwards the West German praised officials and groundstaff for making play possible on the flooded course.

The par-74 layout was reduced to par-66 after being shortened by almost a mile. Players were allowed to pick and place their balls on the muddy fairways. Langer's score will not, therefore, be regarded as an official record despite being 10 strokes better than the previous 54-hole best for the tour set by the Australian, Mike Clayton and American, Peter Teravainen last year in Biarritz.

"Finishing 15-under-par is still something to be proud of," he said. "The course was not so easy because of the conditions."

FINAL SCORES: 192: B Langer (WG), 61, 80, 62. 199: McLean (GB), 65, 63, 65; M Mckitty (SA), 69, 65, 66. 201: M MacKenzie (GB), 64, 63, 64. 202: J Bland (SA), 66, 63, 63; P Walton (Ire), 63, 65, 63. 204: V Fernandez (Arg), 62, 67, 65, V Somers (Aus), 66, 63, 5. 206: M Lanner (Swe), 62, 69, 64; A Russell (US), 71, 68, 65; R Rafferty (GB), 65, 65, 65; J Gonzales (Br) 67, 66, 62; H Baiocchi (SA), 65, 67, 82. 208: O Sellberg (Swe), 65, 69, 62; P Hoad (GB), 65, 65, 66; T Foreman (US), 63, 67, 66; J D'Lasey (Ire), 64, 70, 70. 187: M Martin (Sp), 65, 69, 53; G Turner (GB), 66, 57, 64; E Polland (GB), 64, 63, 70. Other GB scores: 198: S Bishop, 68, 63, 67. D J Russell, 68, 63, 67. 199: W McCoit 68, 65, 66. 200: S Bennett, 65, 67, 67; R Lee, 66, 65, 69, M Bembridge, 65, 69, 66.



Olazabal's big finish

Jose-Maria Olazabal turned a nine-shot overnight deficit into an extraordinary six-stroke victory in the British Youth's Championship at Ganton on Saturday. He struck 17 birdies in 36 holes in final rounds of 70 and 69 on the wind-swept Yorkshire course.

Olazabal, aged 19, from San Sebastian, will turn professional in November. He won the British boys' title in 1983 and the Amateur last year

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 291 J M Olazabal (Spain), 74, 78, 70, 69. 297 E O'Connell (Killarney), 78, 73, 73, 73. A McQueen (Troon Welbeck), 73, 78, 73, 73; S Bottomley (Shipley Beckfoot), 73, 73, 75, 76. 300 P Broadhurst (Atherstone), 75, 75, 74, 76; P George (Beaconsfield), 76, 70, 78, 74. 301 A Clapp (Harpenden), 74, 79, 72, 76. 302 A Binaghi (It), 75, 75, 75, 76. 304 G Orr (Helensburgh), 77, 75, 74, 78

● Akron, Ohio (Agencies) – Denis Watson, the defending champion, scored a scrambled four-under-par 66 to share the lead with Roger Maltbie after three rounds of the $700,000 World Series here on Saturday. Maltbie, who has shared the lead in all three rounds, saved par on the 17th and 18th holed to return a 68 and keep abreast of Watson on 202.

Gordon Brand junior, who shared the lead after two rounds, managed a par 70 on a cold, rain-swept day but dropped to third place, two strokes behind.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker pipped at the post in tense Derby

By Jenny MacArthur

Rarely has there been a more tense finish at Hickstead than the end of yesterday's Silk Cut Derby when, after a two-horse jump-off, West Germany's Paul Schockemöhle, on Lorenzo, relegated John Whitaker on Ryan's Son, the darling of the Hickstead crowd, to second place.

Both are former winners of the event, the German rider winning in 1982 on Deister and Whitaker the following year on Ryan's Son.

With Whitaker's younger brother Michael taking third place on Warren Point, it was a glorious result for the Next fashion chain, who sponsor all three riders and who vowed to give the equivalent of the first prize – £20,000 – to Riding for the Disabled if either of the Whitakers won.

John Whitaker and Schockemöhle, who also came equal fourth on Deister, were the only two on four faults at the end of the first round.

Schockemöhle, the European champion, went first over the shortened jump-off course and set a fast pace on the German-bred horse, who was sold for a short time to Britain's Gary Gillespie. But they knocked down the first part of the Devil's Dyke and also hit the last fence.

Never had a crowd willed on a horse more than when Whitaker and Ryan's Son entered the ring. This pair also hit the first part of the Devil's Dyke, and as they were slower it was imperative they cleared the rest. The crowd could hardly contain themselves as Whitaker and Ryan's Son approached the last fence.

The heroic Ryan's Son, now aged 17, whose training for this year has centred on this event, rose to clear the fence, but as the crowd stood to cheer, the pole fell to the ground. Whitaker, looking back, gave a rare sign of despair as he accepted the inevitable.

The deep going had made show jumping's toughest course more demanding than ever for the 37 riders in the first round. One after another horses fell victim to the 16 daunting fences.

Early casualties were John Whitaker on his first ride, St Mungo, who collected 24 faults, followed by Robert Smith, fresh from victory in last week's Irish Derby, had a surprising four fences down, two of them at the Devil's Dyke which, as so often in the past, was the most influential fence.

Most notable of the early victims was last year's winner, Capt John Ledingham, on Gabhran, who never looked to be jumping well and was retired after fence 13, as was Nick Skelton's Everest St James, who, having collected 16 faults, landed badly after fence 13, the open ditch, and so bowed out of the competition.

Skelton fared only marginally better on his second ride, Everest Apollo. The horse, runner-up last year, came unstuck at the Devil's Dyke, knocking down each element, then hitting the penultimate fence.

Schockemöhle and Lorenzo had the advantage of going early before the ground got too poached. They gave a copy-book demonstration at the notorious Derby Bank, sliding to nearly three quarters of the way down before jumping off and then going neatly over the white palissades which followed.

As they jumped clear through the Devil's Dyke – the only one to do so – a hush descended. Now it was a case of Schockemöhle keeping his nerve for the last six fences. But, in an exact repeat of his performance last year with Deister, the pressure got through and the final fence fell.

Michael Whitaker's round on Warren Point, winner of Friday's Derby Trial, was a superb display of sympathetic but authoritative riding. The nine-year-old horse, who helped Britain win a team gold at the European Championships last month, did not at all like the look of the 10ft 6in drop from the top of the Derby Bank, but was coaxed down beautifully by Whitaker, although their steps back at the top were counted as a refusal.

Their other faults came at the first part of the Devil's Dyke which was also to prove Whitaker's *bête noire* on his second ride, Owen Gregory, the winner in 1980. They had another fluent round but once again fell victim to the Devil's Dyke, hitting the first and last elements.

The SILK CUT DERBY: 1, Lorenzo (P Schockemöhle, WG), 3 faults in 89.08sec (4); 2, Ryan's Son (J Whitaker) 8 in 88.03 (4); 3, Warren Point (M Whitaker) 7; equal 4, Livius (P Luther, WG) 8, Owen Gregory (M Whitaker) 8, and Deister (P Schockemöhle, WG) 8.

SILK CUT TROPHY (Saturday): 1, Courtway (M Whitaker) clear, 38.12sec; 2, Mizza II (D Inglis) clear, 44.70; 3, Hennessy Liberty Hill (K Bacon) clear, 44.97.

SILK CUT TANKARD (Saturday): 1, Hopscotch (J Whitaker) clear, 51.0sec; 2, Faun (H Snoek, WG) 1 fault, 52.21sec; 3, Everest Apollo (N Skelton) 4 faults, 39.14sec.

SWIMMING

What the doctor ordered

By Athole Still

Alyson Jones, of Swiss Cottage, and Paul Easter, of Norwich Penguin, yesterday rescued the national championships sponsored by Hewlett Packard from the trough of mediocrity which had threatened to envelop them over the opening two days. Miss Jones, aged 28, and a general practitioner in Harrow, won the 100 metres freestyle in 59.71sec and became the oldest champion since police constable Ron Roberts, of London Otter, won over the same distance at 34 years of age in 1955.

Dr Jones first competed in these championships in 1972 and went on to win a bronze medal with the England relay team at the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch in 1974, but her best championship result had been a third place in the spring last year.

Yesterday, it was her exceptional competitor longevity which earned her a memorable victory, for she resisted the urge to breathe over the last eight metres and it was that tactic which enabled her to surge .21sec ahead of Lesley Masters, aged 16, of Fleetwood.

Earlier Easter emerged from the doldrums of an indifferent season also to win his first-ever long course title in the 400m freestyle. A remarkable 15 minutes later he won the 100m butterfly.

MEN: 50 metres freestyle: 1, M Reynolds (Barnet Copthall) 24.24sec; 2, M Matthews (Barnet Copthall) 24.45; 3, M Foster (Millfield) 24.48. 400 metres freestyle: 1, P Easter (Norwich Penguins) 4min 2.49sec; 2, D Stacey (City of Swansea) 4:2.89; 3, S Wilmott (Stockton Aquatic) 4:3.24. 100 metres backstroke: 1, M Matthews (Barnet Copthall) 1min 00.02sec; 2, K Parrish (Portsmouth Northsea) 1:01.76; 3, I Nash (Barnet Copthall) 1:01.83. 100 metres butterfly: 1, P Easter (Norwich Penguins) 57.62sec; 2, D Williams (Fleetwood) 58.01; 3, R Leishman (Kirkless) 58.15.

WOMEN: 200 metres butterfly: 1, S Purvis (Stockton Aquatic) 2min 17.86sec; 2, K Read (Stockport Metro) 2:19.09; 3, H Bowley (Millfield) 2:20.83. 100 metres breaststroke: 1, S Bowman (Darlington) 1min 15.42sec; 2, D Tubby (Norwich Penguins) 1:16.20; 3, G Kill (City of Manchester) 1:16.58. 100 metres freestyle: 1, A Jones (Swiss Cottage 59.71sec; 2, L Masters (Fleetwood) 59.93; 3, M Buckley (Perrybeeches) 59.94.

Saturday

MEN: 200 metres freestyle: 1, M Reynolds (Barnet Copthall, 1min 53.99sec; 2, S Wilmott (Stockton Aquatic), 1:54.77; 3, P Easter (Norwich Penguins), 1:55.17; 100 metres breaststroke: 1, A Moorhouse (Leeds), 1min 3.38sec; 2, I Campbell (Beckenham), 1:4.79; 3, N Gillingham (Perrybeeches), 1:8.38. 4 x 100 metres freestyle relays: 1, Barnet Copthall, 3min 34.98sec; 2, Stockton Aquatic, 3:36.77; 3, City of Leeds, 3:39.07. 4 x 200 metres freestyle relays: 1, Barnet Copthall, 7min 54.89sec; 2, Stockton Aquatic, 8:00.77; 3, Warren Point (M Whitaker) 7; equal 4, Livius (P Luther, WG) 8, Owen Gregory (M Whitaker) 8, and Deister (P Schockemöhle, WG) 8.

WOMEN: 200 metres backstroke: 1, K Read (Stockport Metro), 2min 18.32sec; 2, H Slatter (Norwich Penguins), 2:22.82; 3, J Admans (Slough Dolphin), 2:25.42. 200 metres individual medley: 1, Z Long (Kelly College), 2min 22.05sec; 2, G Stanley (Wigan Wasps), 2:23.62sec; 3, S Purvis (Stockton Aquatic), 2:24.13sec. 800 metres freestyle: 1, K Meller (Norwich Penguins) 9min 00.45sec; 2, K Read (Stockport Metro) 9:3.62; 3, M Wiley (Derby), 9:6.66. 4 x 100 metres medley relays: 1, Wigan Wasps, 4min 30.57sec; 2, City of Southampton, 4:33.30; 3, Stockport Metro, 4:33.45.

Precious Metal has solid claim

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

If the saying "every cloud has a silver lining" has any substance at all Tony Ingham will win the Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy at Ripon today with Precious Metal. The Epsom trainer had his eyes on another race at Goodwood last Friday until his colt began to show signs of lameness which necessitated his withdrawal on veterinary advice.

Beforehand, however, Ingham had taken the precaution of declaring Precious Metal for today's race at the four-day stage just in case the problem turned out to be a minor one. Happily it turned out that way. Shoes that were too tight after being plated for racing were eventually diagnosed as the problem.

Yesterday Ingham told me that after that resounding victory 12 days ago at Salisbury where his Mummy's Pet colt romped home five lengths in front of Zulu Knight, who had won his first race at Sandown only to get disqualified, Precious Metal would take all the beating this afternoon, even though Hallgate and Top Ruler are opposing him.

Hopeful Katie, my selection to win the Laverton Handicap on the Yorkshire course ran well at Newbury recently when she was runner-up behind Soon To Be, who appears to have a good chance of winning the Bridget Handicap at Epsom. Soon To Be has not been penalized for winning her last race so decisively at Newbury.

The Surrey track will be Steve Cauthen's first port of call after his quick trip across the Atlantic to ride Free Guest in the Arlington Million and I expect the recent Redcar winner, Choire Mhor to make his dash back from Chicago worthwhile by winning the Sherwood Stakes at the expense of Alruccaba and Shujun.

Tracing, my selection for the Moet and Chandon Silver Magnum, is a fast-improving three-year-old who has won his last two races with consummate ease and is precisely the type to catch his somewhat indifferent elders off guard.

At Newcastle, Barry Hills will be fancying his chance of winning the Virginia Stakes on Teased now that Dubian has been withdrawn. My selection ran well enough in both the Pretty Polly Stakes and the Ribblesdale before winning her maiden by the length of Piccadilly to suggest that a prize like this is within her scope.

At Chepstow Hayati (4.15), who finished two places behind Bolden at Goodwood, can take the Ferry Stakes and so complete a double for Paul Cole and Richard Quinn, which ought to have been sparked off by Shehana winning the first division of the Castle Maiden Fillies Stakes. This will represent a considerable drop in class for Shehana

Finally, having watched Frax (nap) win a race confined to apprentices at Salisbury recently where he was ridden extremely well by Stephen Quane, I have no intention of Looking elsewhere for today's best bet, albeit a somewhat unoriginal one, to win the Caerwent Apprentice Stakes.

Blinkered first time

CHEPSTOW: 4.15 Vigina Court.
EPSOM: 2.30 The Game's Up, 4.10 Lakh.
WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.0 Dashaki Gold, The Lady Grania, 3.0 Ambit, 4.0 Mrs Kilroy, 4.30 Rocket.
RIPON: 2.30 Shaftesbury Avenue, Dance In Spain, Sister Nancy, Gold Mark, 3.30 Testoy, 4.0 Attavante.
WAT.: JK: 4.45 Asaaf, Rains, Perera, 4.15 Fermer Jock, Via Satellite, Duke's wood, Power Chord, 4.45 Pande.

Leading Counsel returns to form

The one-time Epsom Derby favourite, Leading Counsel, returned to winning form in the Persian Bold Stakes at Phoenix Park on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The son of Alleged put up a particularly good performance to give 8lb to the Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up, Celestial Bounty. Both first and second are owned by Robert Sangster.

Leading Counsel's trainer, Vincent O'Brien, now has three possible runners, Law Society, Leading Counsel and Gold Crest, in the Phoenix Champion Stakes on Sunday week.

Committed comfortably landed the odds in the Orchardsown Stud Stakes. Dermot Weld has an ambitious international treble in line for his five-year-old mare who will run in the Phoenix Park Five next month and then go to Longchamp for the Prix de l'Abbaye in October and on to America for the Breeder's Cup at Aqueduct on November 2.

EPSOM (ITV)

[Televised: 2.30, 3.0]

Going: good

Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best.

2.0 REDHILL MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,264: 7f) (8 runners)

105	080000	EXERT (B Hager) R Akehurst 9-0	P Cook	3
108	3-40040	ROYAL HARMONY (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	S Cauthen	2
109	00332-3	SPARKFORD LAD (B) (W Sexton) D Elsworth 9-0	B Rouse	4
111	044-0	TRACK MARSHALL (A Portman) H Candy 9-0	L Riggio	7
113	000-000	WINTER TERM (BF) (Racegoers Club) H Candy 9-0	P Waldron	1
117	000	FAIRLINA (H Stockmeier) W Jarvis 8-11	A Murray	7
119	3023333	MA PETITE JOLIE (BF) (Miss H Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	A Kimberley	5
120	240400	NASREEN'S PET (Faiz Al-Mutawa) F Durr 8-11	–	6

1984: Falklands Ruler 9-0 P Waldron (21-20 fav) P Cole 5 ran.

4-6 Royal Harmony, 4 Ma Petite Jolie, 5 Sparkford Lad, 8 Winter Term, 10 Track Marshall, 16 others.

2.30 RANMORE HANDICAP (£3,256: 1m 110yd) (9)

201	103418	PORTOGON (T Marshall) M Usher 7-9-10	D McKay	9
202	0-00112	STEEPLE BELL (C) (BF) (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) M Stoute 9-9-9	Mark Giles 7	3
205	103130	STAR FORMATION (Sheikh Mohammed) J Clechanowski 3-9-1	S Cauthen	6
208	310112	HABS LAD (S Hunt) D Laing 3-8-12	B Rouse	5
209	02100	PENNIES TO POUNDS (CD) (Mrs T Stack) G Lewis 8-8-5	P Waldron	1
211	302000	THE GAME'S UP (B) (M Blewitt) P Haslam 4-8-4	W Woods 5	4
212	131403	FAST SERVICE (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 6-8-1	P Cook	8
216	0-14000	TAMERTOWN LAD (CD) (BF) (A Forster) J Jenkins 4-7-11	R Still	2
217	220023	MEZIARA (B) (G Chagoury) A Ingham 4-7-7	J Jenkinson	7

1984: (3-y-o) Viceroy Lad 9-4 A McGlone (7-2) R Hannon 7 ran.

5-2 Habs Lad, 3 Steeple Bell, 9-2 Fast Service, 11-2 Star Formation, 8 Portogon, 10 Tamertown Lad, 14 others.

FORM: PORTOGON (10-0) unplaced to Connaylo (98-7) 14 ran. Salisbury 7f h'cap soft Aug 14. Earlier (9-10) won sh hd from Ship To Shore (8-2) with HABS LAD (8-2) 3rd beaten nk, 7 ran. Brighton 1m h'cap firm July 4. STEEPLE BELL (8-0) 2nd beaten hd to HABS LAD (8-10) 7 ran. Brighton 1m h'cap Aug 6. STAR FORMATION (9-3), unplaced to Field Hand (8-0) 24 ran. Ascot 1m amat stks firm July 27. Earlier (8-7) 3rd beaten ½l to Pistograph (8-4) 9 ran. Salisbury 1m h'cap good to firm July 13. HABS LAD (8-4) 2nd beaten 2½l to Sheer Cliff (9-4) 10 ran. Salisbury 1m stks soft Aug 15. FAST SERVICE (8-7) 3rd beaten 6l to Fel Loong (7-4) 18 ran. Windsor 1m h'cap good Aug 12. MEZIARA (7-5) beaten 2f to Duelling (7-7) 12 ran. Lingfield 1m 2f h'cap soft Aug 9.

Selection: PORTOGON

3.0 MOET & CHANDON SILVER MAGNUM (Limited handicap: amateurs: £5,235: 1m 4f) (12)

301	111-401	HOUSE HUNTER (D) (Mrs M Campbell) C Horgan 4-12-0	W Mullins (7)	6
302	0-00136	CARO'S GIFT (D) (R Smith) G Richards Gordon 4-11-8	C Plasto (5)	7
303	041000	MO-U-TURN (C,D) (S Tindall) S Mellor 7-11-3	R Hutchinson (GB)	10
304	334322	FOLLY HILL (N Gaymer) J Jenkins 5-11-1	M Dalcher (Sp)	1
305	4-31311	HONEYDEW WONDER (D) (K Whalcon) D Elsworth 4-11-0	H Mathet (Fr)	9
306	012423	FLYHOME (D) (C Southgate) P Cundell 4-10-12	A J Wilson (GB)	2
307	001160	TRUE HERITAGE (D) (A Hide) A Hide 6-10-2	T Thomson Jones (GB)	5
308	004010	METELSKI (G Blum) G Blum 4-10-0	L Jarvan (Swe)	3
309	0132040	PULVIO (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 5-10-0	C O'Toole (Ire)	8
310	340234	WELSH SPY (L Tomlin) J P Smith 4-10-0	H Vandeweyer (Bel)	4
311	130330	DERBY DAY (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 4-10-0	A Woler (WG)	12
312	00011	TRACING (Marshall Racing) G Lewis 3-10-0 (3 ex)	A Vogel (Swi)	11
RESERVES				
	041130	LEON (D) (BF) (G Keller) L Cumani 3-10-0	–	
	0-03014	TODA FORCA AVANTI (C Ennis) A Davison 3-10-0 (3 ex)	–	

1984: Elisso 3-9-13 R Hutchinson (9-4 fav) G Lewis 5 ran.

3 Honeydew Wonder, 7-2 House Hunter, 9-2 Flyhome, 5 Folly Hill, 8 Tracing, 8 Caro's Gift, 10 True Heritage, 14 others.

FORM: HOUSE HUNTER (9-7) won hd from Dancing Barron (8-7) with CARO'S GIFT (8-10) 7th beaten 8l, 9 ran. Brighton 1m 4f h'cap soft Aug. MO-U-TURN (7-9) 5th beaten 10 ½l to Leadburn (9-10) 5 ran. Goodwood 1m 4f h'cap good to soft Aug 3. FOLLY HILL (9-10) 2nd beaten 9 ½l to Sir Blessed (8-11) 8 ran. Windsor 1m 3f h'cap good to firm July 15. HONEYDEW WONDER (8-7) won nk from Master Line (8-8) 9 ran. Windsor 1m 3f h'cap good July 22. FLYHOME (8-12) 3rd beaten 1l to Sarah's Venture (8-7) with TRUE HERITAGE (8-8) 8th beaten over 10l, 9 ran. Windsor 1m 3f h'cap good Aug. LEON (8-3) 6th beaten 10l to Wildrush (8-1) 16 ran. Ripon 1m 4f h'cap good Aug 17. WELSH SPY (11-7) 4th beaten 5l to Misty Halo (11-8) 9 ran. Catterick 1m 4f stks soft Aug 14. TRACING (8-10) won 3l from Big Pal (9-5) 9 ran. Folkestone 1m 2f h'cap good to soft Aug 20.

Selection: MO-U-TURN

3.35 HEATHCOTE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,607: 7f) (8)

401	010	NORMANBY LASS (D) (Normanby Stud Ltd) P Walwyn 8-7	S Rouse	2
403	1100	HARAABAH (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-3	A Murray	6
405	0400	MIRATAINE VENTURE (Venture Chemicals) R Akehurst 8-10	L Riggio	7
407	043210	NORTH KING (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 8-8	P Cook	4
409	334	POUNELTA (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 8-5	S Cauthen	8
410	04142	KARMO (M Ali D Sasse 8-4	D McKay	1
414	210010	PARKIES BAR (D) (B) (Mrs F Hubert M haynes 7-13 (10 ex)	J Jenkinson	3
416	220	RED ZULU (Mrs A Wilson) B Hobbs 7-9	R Still	7

1984: Dance By Night 9-1 P Waldron (11-8) G Lewis 4 ran.

11-4 Karmo, 7-2 Pounelta, 9-2 Haraabah, 6 North King, 8 Red Zulu, 10 Parkies Bar, Normanby Lass, 16 Mirataine Venture.

Epsom selections

2.0 Ma Petite Jolie., 2.30 Hab's Lad. 3.0 Tracing. 3.35 Haraabah. 4.10 Brave Louise. 4.40 Choire Mhor. 5.10 Soon To Be.

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2.0 Ma Petite Jolie. 2.30 Steeple Bell. 3.0 True Heritage. 3.35 Haraabah. 4.40 Alruccaba. 5.10 Red Red Rose.

4.10 CICERO CLAIMING STAKES (3-y-o: £2,532: 1m 2f) (6)

501	030321	LAKH (D) (B) (Dr K Menon) P Cole 9-4	P Cook	5
502	00-1004	SAN CARLOS (D) (L Tarrant) M Jarvis 9-4	A Murray	1
503	020000	ABSOLUTE BOUNDER (J Davis) R Hannon 9-0	S Cauthen	3
507	00-2210	WATCH TOWER (R Ellis) J Jenkins 8-11	–	6
511	043000	TOPSAIL (D Ranlett) R Simpson 8-8	B Rouse	2
512	10-403	BRAVE LOUISE (V Cohen) P Haslam 8-8	–	4

1984: No corresponding race.

10-11 Brave Louise, 4 Watch Tower, 9-2 Lakh, 8 San Carlos, 10 Absolute Bonkers, 16 Topsail.

4.40 SHERWOOD STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £2,383: 6f) (8)

601	21	ALRUCCABA (D) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-12	A Kimberley	7
602	2221	CHOIRE MHOR (D) (P Player) H Cecil 8-12	S Cauthen	8
605	0	ANOTHER WESTERN (C Southgate) P Cundell 8-8	D McKay	2
613	63	LA SERENATA (Mrs Y Perry) G Lewis 8-8	P Waldron	6
615	30	SHUJUN (BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8	A Murray	1
619	0	KITTY CLARE (Mrs S Cayzer) P Walwyn 8-5	P Cook	5
621		PLEASURE ISLAND (Seymour Bloodstock) B Hobbs 8-5	B Rouse	3
622		PROUD OF PADUCAH (S Petter jun) R Armstrong 8-5	R Still	4

1984: Gazade Dust 8-8 B Ro (4-7 fav) J Dunlop 5 ran.

15-8 Choire Mhor, 9-4 Alruccaba, 4 Shujun, 5 La Serenata, 10 Another Western, 12 Pleasure Island, 14 others.

5.10 BRIDGET HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £4, 123: 7f) (9)

2	40-1304	RED RED ROSE (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-7	A Kimberley	7
3	00-0110	PONTEVECCHIO DUE (C,D) (W Marsh) B Hobbs 8-9	S Cauthen	2
6	33-402	CRIMBOURNE (J Bird) J Dunlop 8-11	P Waldron	4
9	122103	PARTY GAME (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-6	P Cook	6
10	43-0340	DONA BRAGANZA (Mrs S Gredley) R Armstrong 8-5	R Still	8
12	2-1	ROZEYNEH (D) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-3	A Murray	5
14	0-10021	SOON TO BE (D) (Pyle Bros Ltd) H Candy 8-1	B Rouse	1
17	0-00400	LINGFIELD LADY (Lingfield Pk Ltd) P Mitchell 7-11	–	3
18	0-40404	DIVISSIMA (T Gregory) G Lewis 7-8	J Jenkinson	1

1984: Eita Girl 7-7 R Linas (12-1) A Hide 7 ran.

5-2 Soon To Be, 3 Crimborne, 4 Rozeyneh, 11-2 Party Game, 6 Red Red Rose, 8 Pontevecchio Due, 12 others.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Birmingham City v Oxford Utd (7.30)
Coventry City v Newcastle Utd (7.30)
Liverpool v Ipswich Town
Manchester Utd v West Ham United
Sheffield Wed v Watford
Tottenham v Everton
West Bromwich v Man City (7.30)

Second division

Fulham v Grimsby Town (7.30)
Huddersfield Tn v Portsmouth (7.30)
Hull City v Blackburn Rovers
Norwich City v Barnsley (7.30)
Stoke City v Leeds United (11.30)
Sunderland v Oldham Ath (7.30)
Wimbledon v Bradford City

GOLA LEAGUE: Barnet v Wycombe; Barrow v Frickley (7.30); Boston Utd v Stafford (7.30); Dagenham v Dartford; Kettering v Northwich Victoria; Kidderminster v Altrincham (7.30);

NEWCASTLE (ITV)

[Televised: 2.15, 2.45, 3.15]

Going: good
Draw advantage: none

2.15 LANGLEE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,742: 7f) (14 runners)

3 214330 BELATZ (Marquesa de Mortalla) J FitzGerald 9-7 ..... M Hindley 5 7
4 13 TRICK OR TREAT (P Newton) J W Watts 9-4 ..... N Connorton 13
6 303 AIR DISPLAY (S Manning) J S Wilson 8-13 ..... C Dwyer 6
7 4204 SEATYRN (B) (D Brown) S Norton 8-12 ..... J Lowe 11
9 0003 PAUL'S SECRET (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 8-11 ..... L Charnock 8
10 304120 WEN YOU'RE SMILING (D) (G Jones) T Barron 8-10 ..... S Webster 1
11 001142 ST SEPULCHRE (CJD) (Hippodrome Racing) M W Easterby 8-8 ..... M Birch 4
12 34100 SUGARBIRD (Lady Pilkington) B Hanbury 8-8 ..... W R Swinburn 3
13 30220 K O ISLAND (BF) (J Tsang) J Berry 8-8 ..... J Bleasdale 5
15 034 HILL RYDE (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 8-7 ..... B Thompson 9
16 01 DAWN LOVE (J Reed) R Hollinshead 8-7 ..... W Ryan 12
17 0044 MILJONE (K MacPherson) P Calver 8-2 ..... M Fry 14
18 030 POKEREE (Mrs P Shaw) J S Wilson 8-1 ..... G King 7 10
19 024021 UPTOWN RANDI'S (Mrs R Roper-Tye) G M Moore 8-1 (5 ex) ..... J Callaghan 7 2

1984: Miss Loving 9-7 P Robinson (7-1) M Ryan 13 ran.

4-1 St Sepulchre, 5 Wen You're Smiling, 11-2 K O Island, 7 Belatz, 8 Sugarbird, 10 Seatyrn, Air Display, 12 Dawn Love, Uptown s Randi's 16 others.

FORM: Belatz (8-5) 5th beaten 7l to Nasha (9-0) 8 ran. Goodwood 5f h'cap good to soft Aug 2. TRICK OR TREAT (9-7) 3rd beaten 7l to Charlino (8-2) 11 ran. Redcar 7f h'cap soft Aug 6. AIR DISPLAY (8-8) 3rd beaten 3¾l to Cotway comet (9-2) 5 ran. Ayr 7f stks good to soft Aug 8. SEATYRN (9-0) 4th beaten 2l to Eve's Error (9-0) 12 ran. Nottingham 6f stks good to firm Aug 13. ST SEPULCHRE (8-7) 2nd beaten 4l to Handspring (8-9) 11 ran. Thirsk 7f h'cap good Aug 3. DAWN LOVE (7-12) won 1¾l from Brazzaka (7-12) 3 ran. Redcar 6f stks good July 30. UPTOWN RANDI'S (7-13) won 3l from Mrs Naughty (7-10) 10 ran. Catterick 6f h'cap soft Aug 15. HILL RYDE (8-8) 4th beaten 2l to Surprise Call (8-5) 22 ran. Doncaster 7f stks good Aug 1.
Selection: TRICK OR TREAT

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2.15 Dawn Love. 2.45 Mary Maguire. 3.15 Teased. 3.45 Faire Rire. 4.15 Danseuse Verte. 4.45 Misnaad.

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2.45 Matou. 3.15 Merle. 3.45 Farie Rire. 4.45 Misnaad.

2.45 CHEVIOT HANDICAP (£4,986: 6f) (12)

1 0200-30 MAJOR DON (C) (Mrs A Birkett) E Weymes 5-10-0 ..... E Guest 5 12
3 201000 OUR DYNASTY (D) (B Hobson) M Lambert 4-9-5 ..... M Birch 11
4 003031 VALLEY MILLS (CD) (D Mooney) T Barron 5-9-12 ..... B Thomson 1
5 111000 AIR COMMAND (C,D) (Mrs I Ryles) Mrs G Reveley 5-8-12 ..... D Leadbitter 5 6
6 102100- SOUND OF THE SEA (D) (Beechgrove Stud) M Camacho 6-8-10 ..... N Connorton 4
9 344012 MATOU (D) (Mrs T Pick) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-8-6 ..... W Ryan 10
10 000100 TRANSFLASH (D) (D Rich) E Eldin 5-8-5 ..... R Cochrane 2
11 400321 BOLD REALM (CD) (Mrs S Purcell) A Jarvis 4-7-11 (4 ex) ..... J Lowe 7
13 3-00004 EMERGENCY PLUMBER (D) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-9 ..... M Fry 3
14 031092 MARY MAGUIRE (D) (P Durham) D Chapman 8-7-7 ..... A Proud 9
15 042000 SPOILT FOR CHOICE (D) (BF) (W Chapman) D Chapman 7-7-7 ..... L Charnock 6
19 000000 GOOD N SHARP (A Duffield) G Calvert 4-7-7 ..... G King 7 5

1984: Kathred 6-7-11 R Lappin (7-1) R Hollinshead 9 ran.

7-2 Bold Realm, 4 Valley Mills, 6 Matou, Air Command, 7 Transflash, 8 Our Dynasty, 12 Major Don 14 Mary Maguire, 16 others.

FORM: OUR DYNASTY (9-0) 6th beaten 5l to Ever Genial (8-6) 12 ran. Newbury 7f stks soft Aug 16. VALLEY MILLS (9-6) won 1l from Chaptins Club (9-5) 9 ran. Ayr 6f h'cap good to soft July 20. AIR COMMAND (10-0) 8th to Try To Stop Me (9-4) 8 ran. York 7f h'cap good June 14. BOLD REALM (9-2) won nk from MATOU (10-1) 12 ran. Newmarket 6f h'cap good Aug 9. EMERGENCY PLUMBER (7-7) 4th beaten 5¼l to Tobermory Boy (7-9) 12 ran. Nottingham 6f h'cap good July 1.
Selection: OUR DYNASTY

3.15 VIRGINIA STAKES (Fillies: £12,357: 1m 2f) (7)

2 132-103 CAPO DI MONTE (D) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-10 ..... W R Swinburn 2
4 11-3010 MERLE (D) (BF) (J Adam) R Sheather 3-8-10 ..... R Cochrane 4
6 1-1000 QUE SYMPATICA (Mrs A Mumos) R Boss 3-8-10 ..... M Wigham 3
7 0-03041 TEASED (D) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-9 ..... B Thomson 1
8 2140 CALORGE (CD) (E St George) P Kelleway 3-8-4 ..... Gay Kelleway 5
11 31-0 KASHI LAGOON (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 3-8-4 ..... J Lowe 2
16 231-000 STUBBLE (S Harrison) R Boss 3-8-4 ..... W Ryan 6

1984: Free Guest 3-8-7 D McHargue (7-4 fav) L Cumani 5 ran.

5-2 Capo De Monte, 100-30 Merle, 7-2 Teased, 6 Kahshi Lagoon, 10 Que Sympatica, 14 Calorge 20 Stubble.

FORM: CAPO DI MONTE (8-6) 3rd beaten 5l to Ahohoney (8-7) 8 ran. Saint-Cloud 1m 2f stks soft June 22. MERLE (8-9) 7th beaten 7¼l to Alydars Best (9-2) 12 ran. Curragh 1m 2f stks good June 23. QUE SYMPATICA (8-11) 5th beaten 10l to Graeca Magna (8-9) 11 ran. Haydock 1m 4f stks good to firm July 6. TEASED (5-11) won 7l from The Prudent Prince (99-0) 10 ran. Ripon 1m 2f stks good to soft Aug 5. CALORGE (9-0) 10th beaten 29l to On So Sharp (9-0) 12 ran. Epsom 1m 4f stks soft June 6. KASHI LAGOON (9-0) 17th beaten 15l to On So Sharp (9-0) 17 ran. Newmarket 1m stk good to firm May 2. Earlier (8-5) won 11 from Charge Along (8-5) 9 ran. Newmarket 7f stks good Oct 19.
Selection: CAPO DI MONTE.

3.45 LEAF SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £3,065: 6f) (18)

1 0 ANNUAL EVENT (J Snowdon) J S Wilson 8-11 ..... M Fry 6
3 003444 BANTEL BOWLER (Bantel Ltd) W Mackie 8-11 ..... N Carlisle 13
4 3 BARGAIN PACK (J Taylor) Mrs G Reveley 8-11 ..... D Leadbitter 5 9
5 0 BAXTERGATE (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 8-11 ..... M Hindley 5 11
7 001040 CHAMPAGNE POPPER (D) (B) (F Shorrock) R Stubbs 8-11 ..... D Nicholls 8
8 0001 FAIRE RIRE (D) (A Wilkinson) W Musson 8-11 ..... M Wigham 1
9 00000 FINAL BREEZE (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11 ..... B Coogan 5
13 00 SHIPS OFFICER (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 8-11 ..... J Lowe 10
14 3000 TARA DANCER (B) (G Steach) K Stone 8-11 ..... C Dwyer 3
15 0 TOUGH BOY (Exors S Doyle) J Berry 8-11 ..... Gay Kelleway 5 12
16 421200 AITCHANDOUBLEYOU (D) (S Woodall) T Barron 8-8 ..... S Webster 18
17 GOOSE HILL (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 8-8 ..... M Birch 7
19 LOVELY LIZZIE (A Park) I Jordon 8-8 ..... O Gray 2
20 MADAME POMPADOUR (W Graham) E Eldin 8-8 ..... S Lawes 14
21 00004 MOLLY PARTRIDGE (G A Farndon Ltd) J Wilson 8-8 ..... B Thomson 17
22 PENNY ARISTOCRAT (G Sedman) Mrs G Reveley 8-8 ..... E Guest 5 4
23 0000 RACEFORM RHAPSODY (B) (D Pennington) G M Moore 8-8 ..... A Crook 15
24 024200 RAPID RHYTHM (Mrs H Gresham) M Camacho 8-8 ..... N Connorton 16

1984: Hunt For Treasure 8-8 B Thomson (5-1) J Hindley 16 ran.

7-2 Bargain Pack, 4 Fire Rire, 9-2 Aitchandoubleyou, 7 Baxtergate, 8 Tara Dancer, Champagne Popper, 10 Bantel Bowler, 12 Rapid Rhythm, 16 others.

4.15 'POETHLYN' NOVICE CHASE (£1,131: 2m 4f) (9)

4 00-0 Broadyland 12-11-7 ..... Miss S French
5 6p-1 Downpayment 11-11-0 ..... R Goldstein
6 9-02 Johnny Teague 12-10-2 ..... Mrs N Ledger
9 4f-p Irish Pageant 11-10-2 ..... M Kinane
11 3-00 Lily Leaf 7-10-2 ..... R Gold
12 0-00 Lucky Lad 7-10-2 ..... R Hyett
13 0-00 Mr Bojangles 7-10-2 ..... R Rowe
14 0-00 Rosie Dickins 7-10-2 ..... R Hollinshead
15 0-00 Tarnhill 7-10-2 ..... R Lappin

4-5 Rebel, 5-2 Downpayment, 4 Johnny Teague, 12 Irish Pageant.

4.45 E B F HEDGEHOPE MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,679: 5f) (10)

4 042 HIGHLAND GLEN (G Childs) F Watson 9-0 ..... S Guest 5 1
6 0 LE MIEUX (Mrs D Hardie) A Robson 9-0 ..... J Bleasdale 4
7 42 MISNAAD (Maktoum Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 6
0 0 PSALM (M Boase) M Prescott 9-0 ..... C Nutter 5
10 0 RIOSTYLE (Portal Developments) F Carr 9-0 ..... J Carr 7 8
11 000 SPANSYKE (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 9-0 ..... M Hindley 5 9
12 SPARKY LAD (D Kelly) A Jarvis 9-0 ..... D Nicholls 10
14 04 TEBRAK (H H Prince Yazid Saud) S Norton 9-0 ..... J Lowe 2
15 0330 MUSICAL AID (T Craig) T Craig 8-11 ..... R P Elliott 7
16 00 POLLY WORTH (T Charlesworth) R Whitaker 8-11 ..... W Ryan 3

1984: Cragside 9-0 S Webster (12-1) T Fairhurst 5 ran.

5-4 Misnaad, 3 Tebrak, 9-2 Psalm, 5 Sparky Lad, 8 Highland Glen, 14 others.

RIPON

Going: good.
Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best.

2.0 LAVERTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,049: 6f) (17 runners)

1 0413 NISHPOUR (D) Ron Thompson 10-3 (10 ex) ..... R Guest 5 3
7 3330 CHELSEA PAPERCHASE R Armstrong 8-13 ..... R P Elliot 12
NON-RUNNER
10 1403 GLEN GLORY (D) D Chapman 8-11 ..... M Wood 7
12 0210 FLOMEGAS DAY (B) (CD) (BF) B McMahon 8-8 ..... D Dineley 10
13 0400 HENRY'S VENTURE D Chapman 8-7 ..... G P Kelly 4
14 0000 TIMEWASTER J Berry 8-6 ..... K Darley 2
17 1013 CROYLAND PRIDE (D) (BF) M Tompkins 8-5 ..... M L Thomas 14
18 0000 ALE WATER J Berry 8-4 ..... R Day 6
19 0124 DUFFER'S DANCER W Pearce 8-4 ..... S Keightley 9
20 3001 THATCHVILLE (D) Mrs C Reavey 8-4 (7 ex) ..... T 1
25 0400 MR LION (D) F Carr 7-12 ..... S Morris 15
27 3400 HOKUSAI K Ivory 7-11 ..... A Shoults 5 3
28 4112 HOPEFUL KATIE (D) D Leslie 7-11 ..... G Carter 5 8
29 4302 BRAMPTON IMPERIAL (CD) D Chapman 7-10 ..... P Burke 7 11
30 0-004 CHARMING VIEW (D) Hot Jones 7-8 ..... T Williams 13
34 4030 PENTOFF D Chapman 7-7 ..... S P Griffiths 5 5
35 0000 HOPTONS CHANCE S Wiles 7-7 ..... P Shrimpton 16

1984: Vanishing Trick 7-12 M Wood (3-1) J Etherington 9 ran.

5 Hopeful Katie, 11-2 Nishpour, 6 Brampton Imperial, 8 Thatchville, 10 Croyland Pride, 12 Duffer's Dancer, 14 Glen Glory, 16 others.

Ripon selections
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2.0 Hopeful Katie. 2.30 Percipio. 3.0 Ride The Skies. 3.30 Precious Metal. 4.0 Tiber Greek. 4.30 Crowfoot's Couture.

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2.0 Chelsea Paperchase. 3.0 Ride The Skies. 3.30 Top Ruler.

2.30 STAINLEY SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,914: 6f) (20)

1 0000 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (B) N Tinkler 9-7 ..... J H Brown 5 2
6 0300 LOVELY LEGS (CD) W Elsey 8-11 ..... M Wood 8
8 0022 CLASS HOPPER W Elsey 8-9 ..... B Raymond 20
9 020 JIMMY'S SECRET A Smith 8-8 ..... K Dobson 19
11 0048 ABBEY ST BENET M Tompkins 8-7 ..... M L Thomas 4
12 0020 CAMERION E Eldin 8-6 ..... G Carter 5 9
3 2030 WELOVEYOUWEDNESDAY (D) G M Moore 8-5 ..... R P Elliott 5
16 0200 TITAN KING (B) D Arbuthnot 8-3 ..... R Fox 11
18 0034 TAYLORS TAYLORMADE M Tompkins 8-1 (D Dineley 10
19 3300 DANCE IN SPAIN (B) Hot Jones 8-0 ..... N Day 17
21 0300 CONNAUGHT LAD M Britain 7-12 ..... - 3
22 0020 CONNAUGHT BROADS J Spearing 7-12 ..... R Lines 3 7
23 0320 PERCIPIO K Ivory 7-12 ..... A Shoults 5 8
24 040 SISTER NANCY (B) M Lambert 7-12 ..... P Burke 7 18
25 0300 GOLDEN MARK (B) F Carr 7-10 ..... B Morris 16
26 0144 HONEY LOCH (B) (D) J Berry 7-10 ..... K Darley 15
27 0020 MUSIC TEACHER A Robson 7-8 ..... S P Griffiths 6 13
28 4000 CHARLIE RAGS C Spares 7-7 ..... T Williams 11
29 0040 BUTANE K Stone 7-7 ..... M Taylor 7 12
30 0000 COY PRINCESS M Hinchliffe 7-7 ..... - 14

1984: Caernarvon Boy 8-11 W Ryan (5-1) R Hollinshead 11 ran.

6 Honey Loch, 7 Connaught Broads, 8 Percipio, 10 Taylors Taylormade, 12 Sister Nancy, 14 Class Hopper, Jimmy's Secret, 16 others.

WARWICK

Going: good to soft
Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best

2.15 RUGBY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £902: 5f) (17 runners)

1 431 EXCLUSIVE CAT (D) I Balding 9-1 ..... J Matthias 14
2 41 FAYE W O'Gorman 9-1 ..... T Ives 9
4 001 TRUE NORA (D) C Nelson 9-1 ..... J Reid 15
6 ALMOST AMERICA C Widman 8-8 ..... P D'Arcy 6
10 CARNIVAL ROSE N Vigors 8-8 ..... M Lynch 7 5
11 0 CRACON GIRL J Bosley 8-8 ..... S Whitworth 7
12 0 EMMA NARTE R Haydn-Jones 8-8 ..... G Sexton 13
16 00 FUDGE N Vigors 8-8 ..... N Howe 8
17 GREAT LEIGHS B Hills 8-8 ..... R Fox 4
19 00 HOPEFUL DANCER R Hannon 8-8 ..... L Jones 5 12
22 000 KEITH'S GIRL D Jermy 8-8 ..... G Dickie 10
25 p00 METAL-WOODS RULE C Vernon Miller 8-8 ..... P Bloomfield 11
27 0 NAGEM L Barratt 8-8 ..... - 17
31 00 RUN THE TIMES D Arcil 8-8 ..... D McKeown 16
32 00 SOHO SUE D Arcil 8-8 ..... P Hill 7 1
33 0424 TAYLOR OF SOHAM (B) D Leslie 8-8 ..... M Rimmer 2
35 000 WATER MUSICK M Usher 8-8 ..... - 3

1984: I'll Try 8-8 Pat Eddery (9-4) W O'Gorman 13 ran

7-4 Exclusive Cat, 5-2 Faye, 3 True Nora, 5 Great Leighs, 14 Taylor Of Soham, 16 others.

Warwick selections
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2.15 True Nora. 2.45 Open Hero. 3.15 Nigel's Angel. 3.45 Meadowbrook. 4.15 Via Satellite. 4.45 Oxbey Bay. 5.15 Matrah.

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2.15 Faye. 2.45 Open Hero. 3.15 Nigel's Angel. 4.45 Oxbey Bay. 5.15 Matrah.

2.45 PINLEY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,769: 1m) (11)

2 0530 JOAB F Durr 9-7 ..... - 11
3 0414 MENSA MAN (BF) R J Williams 9-4 ..... T Ives 1
4 2140 LIVING SHARP S Norton 9-2 ..... M Fozzard 5
6 0414 OPEN HERO A Stewart 8-10 ..... R Carter 7 10
7 020 MOUNT SCHIEHALLION K Brassey 8-10 ..... S Whitworth 7
8 4330 ASAAF (B) I Thomson Jones 8-5 ..... P D'Arcy 4
11 0040 SEE NO EVIL M Usher 7-13 ..... - 9
12 0000 RAINA PERERA (B) D Lasse 7-12 ..... G Dickie 2
13 0001 SOLENT EXPRESS W G Turner 7-11 ..... - 2
14 012 UP TO UNCLE R Hannon 7-8 ..... R Fox 8
17 3030 SOLENT LAD B Stevens 7-7 ..... K Radcliffe 7 3

1984: Yale 8-3 Williams (11-1) R Boss 9 ran

7-2 Open Hero, 4 Living Sharp, 5 Asaaf, 6 Mount Schiehallion, Mensa Man, 8 Joab, Up To Uncle, 10 Solent Express, 16 others.

3.15 ST NICHOLAS SELLING HANDICAP (£778: 1m 2f 170yd) (8)

1 2402 MR MUSIC MAN (BF) Mrs C Reavey 11-9-10 ..... M Lynch 7 7
3 3310 NIGEL'S ANGEL (B) A Bailey 4-9-8 ..... R Carter 7 2
4 2410 ERRO EMERALD (B)(CD) S Norton 4-9-7 ..... M Fozzard 3
8 0240 DUCHESS OF CONNAUT C Tinkler 3-9-0 ..... T Ives 4
16 0003 UNIT TENT (B) G Lewis 7-8-10 ..... G Sexton 1
17 0/9-0 FLORI WONDER J D J Davies 5-8-10 ..... - 8
19 00-04 OUR CHICKLETTE B Morgan 3-8-5 ..... R Adams 7
21 00-00 BULLROARER D Haydn Jones 3-8-4 ..... S Whitworth 5

1984: Queen's Royale 9-9 BS Cottle (11-4 fav) R Howe 12 ran

9-4 Duchess Of Connaut, 3 Mr Music Man, 7-2 Nigel's Angel, 5 Erroll Emerald, 8 Unit Tent, 12 Our Chicklette, 16 Others.

3.30 RIPON ROWELS (Handicap: £6,102: 1m) (6)

5 0001 IDOLIZED (CD) L Cumani 4-9-7 ..... R Guest 5 3
7 02-12 RIDE THE SKIES (D) C Dooley 4-9-3 ..... A Lequeux 1
9 0321 ALL FAIR (D) R Whitaker 4-9-3 (10 ex) ..... J H Brown 5 2
12 1300 SILLY BOY (D) N Bycroft 5-8-10 ..... M Richardson 7 4
14 1420 FLEET SPECIAL Mrs C Reavey 3-8-7 ..... N Day 8
19 0201 WILD HOPE (D) G Huffer 4-7-11 ..... G Carter 5 6

1984: Holmbury 4-8-8 M Miller (7-2) G Huffer 9 ran.

11-4 All Fair, 3 Idolized, 7-2 Ride The Skies, 5 Wild Hope, 6 Fleet Special, 12 Silly Boy.

3.30 CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD TROPHY (£8,744: 6f) (7)

2 1d111 HALL GATE (D) Miss S Hall 9-4 ..... K Hodgson 4
4 1 TOP RULER (D) R Armstrong 9-4 ..... P Tulk 7
7 2203 DEE-JAY-ESS N Callaghan 8-9 ..... M L Thomas 5
9 21 PRECIOUS METAL A Ingham 9-0 ..... T Williams 3
11 1340 TEETOY (B) M Jarvis 9-0 ..... B Raymond 6
13 03 BOOFY C Nelson 8-11 ..... N Day 1
16 3134 MISS PRIMULA (D) W Bentley 8-11 ..... R Guest 2

1984: Provideo 9-7 T Ives (10-11) W O'Gorman.

7-4 Hallgate, 5-2 Top Ruler, 4 Precious Metal, 8 Dee-Jay-Ess, 12 Teetoy, 16 others.

4.0 PATELEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £1,929: 1m 4f) (12)

1 3248 ATTAVANTE (B) D Arbuthnot 8-11 ..... R Guest 8
2 0 BUCKLESY P Calver 8-11 ..... M L Thomas 3
4 43 DON'T RING ME W Hastings-Bass 8-11 ..... R Lines 4
5 000 DREAMY DESIRE B Wilkinson 8-11 ..... G Gosney 11
6 0-404 ENA OLLEY C A Bell 8-11 ..... T Williams 10
7 0- FAREWELL FLING I Balding 8-11 ..... S Payne 1
8 2232 FOUR STAR THRUST (BF) R Whitaker 8-11 ..... J H Brown 5 2
9 8-03 GEM MART B Hills 8-11 ..... A Lequeux 7
11 2300 LADY KILLANE R Williams 8-11 ..... G Carter 5 6
15 2 METROLOGY W Elsey 8-11 ..... M Wood 12
16 48 MY PREET J Etherington 8-11 ..... K Darley 5
21 2-203 TIBER CREEK I Balding 8-11 ..... B Raymond 9

1984: Kuwait Night 8-4 G Carter (16-1) G Huffer 14 ran.

3 Don't Rang Me, 4 Four Star Thrust, 5 Metrology, 6 Tiber Creek, 8 Gem Mart, 10 Attavante, 12 Lady Killane, 15 others

4.30 TOPCLIFFE HANDICAP (£2,130: 1m 2f) (16)

1 0100 ROCABAY BLUE (CD) M Camacho 4-8-13 ..... B Raymond 7
5 0400 STEEL VENTURE (B) (D) M Ryan 6-8-1 ..... R Guest 16
8 22-03 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE W Hastings-Bass 4-8-13 ..... R Lines 3 6
13 2100 MIGHTY SUPREMO (D) W Bentley 4-8-4 ..... - 5
14 0040 THATCHINOLLY (B) K Stone 4-8-3 ..... K Hodgson 4
15 00-00 SULTAN ZAMAN G Huffer 4-8-3 ..... G Carter 5
17 0000 MIAMI STAR Denys Smith 4-8-0 ..... K Darley 12
22 4400 PENNY'S DOUBLE (B) W Guest 4-7-13 ..... T Williams 10
23 0-000 BOB-DOUBLE R Whitaker 4-7-12 ..... P Doughty 7 15
27 0321- BALLYARRY W A Stephenson 3-7-10 ..... A Shoults 11
28 0010 CASTANHERIO Miss S Hall 3-7-10 ..... - 8
29 0020 DISTANT SOUND J Spearing 4-7-10 ..... M L Thomas 13
31 4233 CROWFOOT'S COUTURE (B) (BF) B McMahon 4-7-9 ..... D Dineley 1
32 0000 MILLAINE (B) S Norton 4-7-8 ..... P Shrimpton 14
35 0000 SHEBA'S GLORY (B) F Watson 7-7-7 ..... S P Griffiths 5 2
37 0010 MISS MORLEY (D) J Rowlands 3-7-7 ..... P Burke 7 9

1984: Stados 3-7-13 W Ryan (5-1) R Hollinshead 11 ran.

4 Crowfoot's Couture, 9-2 Penllyn'es Pride, 5 Mighty Supremo, 6 Steel Venture, 8 Rocabay Blue, 10 Thatchinoly, 12 others.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: good
Draw: 5f, high numbers best

2.0 EBF ASTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £801: 5f) (11 runners)

3 3222 DARK PROMISE (BF) R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 1
4 3000 FIRST ORBIT M McCourt 9-0 ..... R Curant 8
13 0 POPINTRINO B Meldalson 9-0 ..... A Mackay 10
15 TREASURE KAY P Makin 9-0 ..... G Baxter 5
17 300 ABSOLUTELY BONKERS W Jarvis 8-11 ..... E Johnson 9
19 0000 DARRAN GOLD (B) C Spares 8-11 ..... N Carson 7 4
20 0 FAITHFUL PENELOPE M Pipe 8-11 ..... S Raymont 3
24 3040 PADDINGTON BELLE (BF) K Ivory 8-11 ..... G Mosse 7
25 042 PANNE VELVET N Gaselee 8-11 ..... G Starkey 2
28 000 THE LADY GRANIA (B) R Harrison 8-11 ..... A McGlone 11
27 4 TZU-WONG M Pipe 8-11 ..... W Carson 6

1984: Eagle Crest 9-0 J Matthias (6-1) J Bethell 9 ran.

9-4 Dark Promise, 3 Tzu-Wong, 4 Panne Velvet, 6 The Lady Grania, 8 Paddington Belle, 10 Absolutely Bonkers, 12 others.

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2.0 DARK PROMISE. 2.30 Wappy Springs. 3.0 Boldden. 3.30 High Suspense. 4.0 Laurie Lorman. 4.30 Delapre.

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2.0 Absolutely Bonkers. 3.0 Ambit.
Michael Seely's selection. 3.0 Boldden.

2.30 SPINNEY SELLING STAKES (£755: 1m) (7)

7 3000 GILLANBONE B McMahon 3-8-7 ..... A Mackay 5
8 HILTON CUTTER M Cousins 3-8-7 ..... R Curant 3
10 000 PALE STAR P Makin 3-8-7 ..... G Baxter 4
12 02-04 SAREMA (BF) D Haydn Jones 3-8-7 ..... W Carson 2
14 0044 THE CHALICEWELL M James 3-8-7 ..... Sharron James 7 6
15 0410 WAPPY SPRINGS (D) S Norton 3-8-7 ..... E Johnson 7
16 0300 WARTHILL BOY (B) M Brittain 3-8-7 ..... M Hills 1

1984: Kwiz Zulu 4-9-3 J Reid (4-1) G Hunter 10 ran.

7-4 Sarema, 9-4 Wappy Springs, 4 Warthill Boy, 13-2 Gillanbone, 8 Pale Star, 12 others.

3.0 MIDLAND CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (£3,444: 1m 1f) (6)

1 0-030 ROYAL HALO G Harwood 4-9-10 ..... G Starkey 1
5 3000 ARABIAN SEA (D) M McCormack 8-8-1 ..... M Hills 2
8 0412 BOLDDEN W Hern 3-8-10 ..... W Carson 5

2.30 EBF ASTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £801: 5f) (11 runners)

3 3222 DARK PROMISE (BF) R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 1
4 3000 FIRST ORBIT M McCourt 9-0 ..... R Curant 8
13 0 POPINTRINO B Meldalson 9-0 ..... A Mackay 10
15 TREASURE KAY P Makin 9-0 ..... G Baxter 5
17 300 ABSOLUTELY BONKERS W Jarvis 8-11 ..... E Johnson 9
19 0000 DARRAN GOLD (B) C Spares 8-11 ..... N Carson 7 4
20 0 FAITHFUL PENELOPE M Pipe 8-11 ..... S Raymont 3
24 3040 PADDINGTON BELLE (BF) K Ivory 8-11 ..... G Mosse 7
25 042 PANNE VELVET N Gaselee 8-11 ..... G Starkey 2
28 000 THE LADY GRANIA (B) R Harrison 8-11 ..... A McGlone 11
27 4 TZU-WONG M Pipe 8-11 ..... W Carson 6

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12 02-04 SAREMA (BF) D Haydn Jones 3-8-7 ..... W Carson 2
14 0044 THE CHALICEWELL M James 3-8-7 ..... Sharron James 7 6
15 0410 WAPPY SPRINGS (D) S Norton 3-8-7 ..... E Johnson 7
16 0300 WARTHILL BOY (B) M Brittain 3-8-7 ..... M Hills 1

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1 0-030 ROYAL HALO G Harwood 4-9-10 ..... G Starkey 1
5 3000 ARABIAN SEA (D) M McCormack 8-8-1 ..... M Hills 2
8 0412 BOLDDEN W Hern 3-8-10 ..... W Carson 5

3.30 TEFTENHALL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £868: 1m 4f) (11)

2 040 ANOTHER PACKET H Bailey 8-11 ..... R Curant 7
5 3422 CRINOLINE (D) W Haigh 8-11 ..... W Carson 5
9 0-000 FIRERACER S T Rams 8-11 ..... S Perks 8
11 02 HIGH SUSPENSE J Tree 8-11 ..... S Raymont 9
14 LA PATINEUSE N Caudy 8-11 ..... E Johnson 1
17 0-344 LUENA J Dunlop 8-11 ..... - 4
19 0030 LUNDYLUX R Harrison 8-11 ..... A McGlone 6
21 MISS SHARIO G Harwood 8-11 ..... G Starkey 11
28 0220 REST B Hobbs 8-11 ..... G Baxter 2
32 000- VELVET PIGEON N Gaselee 8-11 ..... M Hills 10
34 0000 WIGGY R J Baker 8-11 ..... - 3

1984: Myricagale 8-8 D Price 12-1 R Johnson Houghton 13 ran

2 Miss Sharid, 3 High Suspense, 4 Luena, 7 Rest, 8 Crinoline, 12 Another Packet, 20 others.

4.0 STEWARDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,345: 5f) (10)

2 4012 LAURIE LORMAN (CD) (BF) M McCourt 9-7 ..... W Carson 2
9 0408 ROSIE DICKINS (D) (BF) R Hollinshead 8-8 ..... N Rodgers 7 8
11 0000 BOARDING HOUSE (D) (BF) K Stone 8-5 ..... G Brown 5 5
13 3000 MA BRITT (D) Mrs R Macauley 8-3 ..... G Baxter 5
14 2248 KARR'S PAL (B) R Sheather 8-3 ..... M Hills 1
15 2410 WARTHILL LADY (D) M Britain 8-3 ..... A McGlone 9
16 0041 PARADE GIRL (D) J Kettlewell 8-3 (7 ex) ..... - 6
17 000 SHARE BAZAAR D O'Neill 8-2 ..... - 10
18 0300 MRS KILROY (B) R Stubbs 8-0 ..... - 4
20 0044 MISS METAL-WOODS S Mellor 7-11 ..... E Johnson 3

1984: Tarquin 9-7 G Duffield (10-1) A Hide 9 ran.

5-2 Parade Girl, 7-2 Rosie Dickins, 4 Laurie Lorman, 11-2 Warthill Lady, 7 Karrs Pal, 9 Ma Britt, 12 others.

4.30 MEREVALE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,404: 7f) (7)

2 0122 DELAPRE (D) B Hills 8-7 ..... W Carson 1
5 103 ROCKALE (B) S Norton 9-1 ..... G Starkey 5
7 0030 SLEEPLINE DISCRESS K Brassey 8-10 ..... G Baxter 4
14 0000 OCTIGA M Britain 8-1 ..... A McGlone 2
15 0033 ROBBS Mrs N Macauley 8-6 ..... M Hills 7
18 001 BAKERS DOUGH G Lewis 7-13 ..... E Johnson 3
19 0412 TYRNTON (D) K Stone 7-7 ..... P Barnard 7 6

1984: Emerald Pendant 8-1 D Price (100-30) R Johnson Houghton 6 ran.

7-4 Delapre, 3 Rockall, 4 Bakers Dough, 11-2 Robbs, 7 Tyrnton, 12 others.

3.15 JOHN HYLTON WATTS MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,707: 5f)

3 2024 SHARI LOUISE (CD) M McCourt 9-7 ..... R Wernham 6
5 0600 BOLD BOKHARA (D) M Blanshard 9-7 ..... N Adams 1
6 2422 CLE FLO (D) (BF) K Brassey 8-3 ..... R Hills 2
13 3403 VASILA P Mitchell 8-13 ..... A Bond 3
13 102 DONS CHORUS S R Hannon 8-10 ..... T Quinn 4
14 0224 STEPHENS SONG N Vigors 8-9 ..... S Dawson 3

1984: Melodious Miss 8-2 Paul Eddery (12-1) D Laing 6 ran.

3 Ole Flo, 4 Stephens Song, 9-2 Shari Louise, 5 Bold Bokhara, 6 Dons Chorus, 8 Vasila.

3.45 CHEPSTOW CUP (£3,246: 1m 4f) (6)

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A guide to career choice

The mirage of Oxford

Edward Fennell on the pros and cons of places at Britain's two élite universities

A place at Oxford or Cambridge remains one of the glittering prizes of the academic world.

Whatever standards of excellence may be set by provincial universities such as Southampton, and regardless of the trail-blazing innovations introduced by such institutions as Salford, Oxbridge continues as the apogee of parental ambitions and scholarly adolescents' dreams.

One of the best informed observers of the higher education scene commented recently: "any non-Oxbridge university professor would want his or her own children to go to Oxford or Cambridge in preference to elsewhere – including their own universities."

At this moment, the two ancient universities are in the middle of tremendous turbulence as they reform radically their systems of examinations and admissions. Accusations of elitism have led them to adopt positive measures to encourage appicants from a wider educational and social clientele.

In particular, the reform of the seventh-term exam should make it easier for pupils from comprehensive schools to apply.

From the viewpoint of Oxford and Cambridge there is nothing to lose and all to gain by these new arrangements. There may be all sorts of nuances of snobbism attached to the two universities but, fundamentally, they rely on academic excellence as the basis of their reputations.

In this, their position has been consolidated. Oxbridge students are expected to have greater intelligence and more intellectual flair than the typical undergraduate from elsewhere. By attracting more applicants and being able to survey the pick of the comprehensive as well as the public and grammar school crop, Oxbridge will be able to emphasize still further its claim as the centre for the academic élite.

If egalitarianism has been the motive for the demand for change, then it has backfired. The two universities will emerge from the reforms with their status enhanced yet further.

The number of applicants has, indeed, already risen during the past 12 months as students who are considered capable of three grade As (or near enough) reckon they might as well have a go at Oxbridge. The "conspiracy of tolerance" towards Oxbridge applicants means that few students suffer at their second or third choice universities because they are nominated on the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) form behind a shot at Balliol or Trinity.

But because the two universities appear to be shifting towards a more straightforward and "objective" selection of students based on A level results, it is bound to create dilemmas for those whose results *this year* have turned out to be much better than expected.

At this moment there are probably hundreds of students who have received excellent results and are now in a quandary about whether to drop their places for this October at first-rate provincial universities in favour of an application for Oxford or Cambridge for next year.

An UCCA representative commented: "Each year of application is treated on its merits and if students wish to drop out now from this year's round then they are entirly at liberty to do so. It won't be held against them in any way for next year.

"It is even unlikely that this year's rejected university will feel much offended. They are reasonable people and they understand the attraction of Oxbridge.

> An Oxbridge degree is not a guarantee of a job with a blue-chip employer or entry into a select profession

All that UCCA asks, in fact, is that people make up their minds quickly. "It is a matter of courtesy, common sense and fairness to other people", the spokesman explained. "This is a time when events move quickly and for the clearing system to work effectively, it is important to know as early as possible which places are not going to be taken up by those to whom they have been offered."

The situtation confronting these students is not, however, quite as simple as it might seem as the two universities are using different systems and are on different time-scales.

At Cambridge, the last seventh-term exams are being held this November for admission in 1986, or deferred entry for 1987. Even applicants who already possess very good A level results may be required to sit this exam as part of the selection process. In short, those whose sights are set on Cambridge are still faced by the exam hurdle.

Oxford applicants have an easier option. Oxford has now given up its seventh-term, so this year's A level successes need only face an interview, although this might be supplemented by a one-hour exam at the same time.

For the following year, i.e. admission in October 1987, onwards, arrangements will be different. Oxford will run a fourth-term exam for those who have not yet taken their A levels, while Cambridge is organizing a special sixth-term exam to be taken concurrently with A levels

Whether this hodgepodge of new measures really will simplify the system remains to be seen. But they do mean that you still have to surmount more obstacles to get into Oxbridge than you do anywhere else.

This is perhaps one of the reasons why they exercise their mesmeric effects on so many middle-class families. The fact that sixth-form teachers set so much store by their Oxbridge entrants, as a mark of their own success, serves only to compound the general neurosis.

Success or failure in getting to Oxbridge becomes a kind of definitive judgment on whether pupils have "justified" their years of secondary education.

What is worse is that good students who fail to get in feel damaged by the experience, resenting their rejection, and nursing the grievance for years afterwards. Viewers of the recent *Seven Up* television series will recall that one young man, who ended up as a virtual vagabond, traced his "fall" back to his disappointment at not being accepted by Oxford.

The fact is that people place too high a value on an Oxbridge acceptance. Although the aesthetic and social experience may be charming, it is by no means a surefire way to three years of delight. More important, an Oxbridge degree is no guarantee of securing a job with a blue-chip employer or gaining entrance to a select profession.

It might give you the edge in getting on to the shortlist, but thereafter you will be judged on your merits.

If you talk with the graduate recruitment officers of merchant banks such as Samuel Montagu, a top accountant such as Arthur Anderson, or other prestigious recruiters such as the British Council and the BBC, you will find them far too sensible to be dazzled by the Oxbridge cachet. They are looking for quality recruits and they will pick them out whatever their pedigree.

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COLLEY – Audrey Mary. See Cooper.

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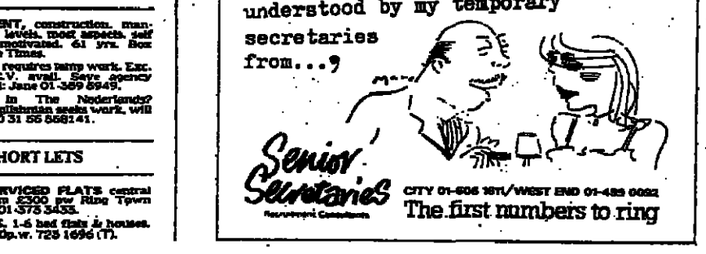
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6.00 Ceefax AM

6.50 Breakfast Time with Debbie Greenwood and Mike Smith at the roadshow in Blackpool. Guests include Lena Zavaroni, Paul Shane, from *Hi-de-hi*, and Vince Hill.

9.20 The Pink Panther Show. More cartoons.

9.40 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. Last part of the serial based on the stories by Mark Twain. (r).

10.05 Hartbeat. A different approach to making pictures. (r).

10.25 C-P and Qwikstitch.

10.30 Play School. Presented by Fraser Wilson. (r).

10.50 Bagpuss. A See-Saw programme (r).

11.05 Blue Racer Double Bill: Fowl Play, Nippon and Tuck.

11.15 Film: The Hideaways. Two children run away to New York, where they become obsessed with a marble statue at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, believing it to be the work of Michelangelo.

1.00 News Summary and Weather.

1.05 Film: Jules Verne's Rocket to the Moon. The great American showman Phineas T Barnum decides to send a rocket ship to the moon with General Tom Thumb, the midget, as passenger. A colourful Victorian period piece with the late Jimmy Clitheroe as Tom Thumb and Burl Ives giving a burlesque performance as Barnum. Directed in 1967 by Don Sharp.

3.00 Grandstand. Swimming from Leeds. The ASA national championships. Show Jumping from Hickstead. Athletics from Cologne. Final Scores.

5.10 Disneytime.

6.00 News. 6.10 Sport.

6.15 Jim'll Fix It. Favourites from the past 10 years. Five-year-old Christopher as Dr Kildare; Louise Hallas slamming 100 doors; David Whillier as a 10-year-old butler and Nicola Tadman as Wonder Woman.

7.00 Wogan. With Cliff Richard, Nigel Hawthorne and Sarah Potter.

7.40 Ever Decreasing Circles. Martin (Richard Briers) discovers the dangers of do-gooding after inviting a pensioner to tea (r).

8.10 Film: Witness for the Prosecution. Agatha Christie stage thriller adapted in 1982 by Alan Gibson – not to be confused with 1957 version directed by Billy Wilder with its unforgettable performance by Charles Laughton. Ralph Richardson plays the bad tempered barrister who has been ordered to refrain from any more brandy, cigars or criminal defences because of poor health. But soon he is on his feet again in the courtroom.

9.50 News.

10.05 Bob Monkhouse Meets Joan Rivers. The sharp-tongued comedienne Joan Rivers, notorious in the United States for her caustic wit, made her British television debut on this programme. Her barbed comments and high speed comic patter spare no one in Hollywood. Also, Frankie Goes to Hollywood perform "Relax" (r).

10.50 Edinburgh Military Tattoo 1985. Final appearance of the Royal Navy Display Team, which has fallen victim to a manpower axe. The team's 60 ratings will perform more than 200 co-ordinated movements without command 40 feet above the ground. Also the Massed Pipes and Drums; a drum Salute and the Dance; The Royal Hong Kong Police Band; The Massed Military Bands and The Finale with "Last Post". 12.05-12.10 Weather.

TV-am

7.00 Good Morning Britain. The Wide Awake Club Bank Holiday Special with Tommy Boyd, Arabella Warner and Charles Golding. Interview with Madness and cartoon capers with The Littles, Wac Fax, Kids Action Desk. News at 7.00, 8.00 and 9.00. The OWRRAS Summer Spectacular with Roland Rat at 9.03

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Walt Disney Presents Mickey Mouse.

9.35 Garfield on the Town.

Cantankerous cat cartoons (r).

10.00 Half a Sixpence. Musical about a draper's assistant who inherits a fortune and moves into high society. A rousing performance from Tommy Steele, with plenty of period detail in this adaptation of H. G. Well's *Kipps*. Directed by George Sidney in 1967.

12.30 Bank Holiday Sport Special. 12.30 Sports Desk. 12.35 Budweiser Million. The richest horse race, from Arlington Park, Chicago. 12.45 Football. Preview of today's matches. 1.00 News. 1.05 International Golf. The World Series from the Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio. 1.45 International Athletics. England v Czechoslovakia v Poland v Hungary from Crystal Palace. 2.05 Sports desk. 2.10 The ITV Five: 2.15 Newcastle. 2.30 Epsom. 2.45 Newcastle. 3.00 Epsom. 3.15 Newcastle. 3.30 International Athletics from Crystal Palace. 3.50 Half-time Round-up. 4.00 International Athletics. 4.45 Results service.

5.00 News.

5.05 Blockbusters. New series of the quiz show for 16 to 18-year-olds hosted by Bob Holness.

5.35 The Making of Superman III. Christopher Reeve, the quick-change saviour of the world, can be seen in this film on Thursday next week – and in *Deathtrap* at 9.00 tonight.

6.30 Affairs of The Heart. Final episode of the comedy with Derek Fowlds as a heart attack victim. (Oracle).

7.00 The Krypton Factor. Two men and two women confront the demanding mental and physical quiz: British water-ski champion Philippa Roberts; Gaelic football star Brendan Toner; netball player and engineering underwriter Jennifer Skelton; parachuting kendo exponent and actor Peter Sykes. (Oracle).

7.30 Coronation Street. Vera plays the peacemaker. (Oracle).

8.00 Jim Davidson's Special with Max Bygraves, The Moody Blues, John Bardon, Jethro and JD's Band.

8.45 News.

9.00 Film: Deathtrap. Nothing is what it seems in this tense and twisting whodunnit within a whodunnit. Michael Caine is a Broadway playwright wounded by a series of flops. Christopher Reeve is one of Sidney Bruhl's former drama students who has written a murder mystery play that Sidney cheerfully admits he would kill for. Dyan Cannon is Sidney's garrulous, manic wife. One of them becomes a corpse in the claustrophobic confines of Sidney's house as sexual tension and ambitious rivalry run riot. Directed by Sidney Lumet in 1982, based on the Ira Levin play. (Oracle).

11.10 "Y". A woman saves freedom fighters Donovan and Kyle from the alien occupiers.

12.10 Nights Thoughts with Rev Nicholas Bradbury, of Holy Trinity Church in Tottenham, north London, followed by Closedown.



Ian Holm in Shakespeare's Richard III Radio 4, 7.45pm).

CHOICE

● On a Bank Holiday when the only non-movie and non-sporting attraction worth recommending to you are **AN AMERICAN EVENING AT THE PROMS** (BBC2, 7.20pm and Radio 3, 7.30), and **CORONATION STREET** (ITV, 7.30pm), you ought to know that if you are still to be convinced that there is no better ensemble playing on television that in the *Street* but are prepared to consider some important new evidence, there are some irrefutable new arguments on their way to you. To mark the *Street*'s Silver Jubilee, Granada Video have produced a two-hour cassette of highlights spanning the years 1961 (the Elsie Tanner poison pen drama) to 1983 (the Barlow/Baldwin affair). The latter, I submit, was soap-opera elevated to grand opera minus only the music. The former explains why, in her day, Ena Sharples was a creation the equal of Falstaff, or Pickwick Papers.

● Best of the day's films: Kubrick's **PATHS OF GLORY** (BBC2, 10.40pm) lifts the war film into a category which, in the late 1950s when we were first left shattered by it, had no precedent. Butchery, though abundant, takes second place to power struggle. Brilliantly filmed in black-and-white, it still has more philosophical greys than any war films. In **HALF A SIXPENCE** (ITV, 10.00am), the American director George Sidney so transformed the traditional British talent he worked with that he ended up with a charming musical with traditional Hollywood style and energy.

● Dramatically, Jane Morgan's production of **RICHARD III** (Radio 4, 7.45pm) compensates for the summer of our discontent that has been made inglorious winter. When the steely clanging on Bosworth field ended, I was left almost convinced that this is a very fine play, although the text leads us towards an entirely different conclusion. Judicious trimming helps, of course, and the combination of the stereo effects and the Chilton/Soteriou music make a powerful impression. But, when all's said and done, this is a triumph of actor over play, and Olivier and Sher notwithstanding, no-one succeeds like Ian Holm in vocally capturing the spiritual deformity of Richard without losing any of the villain's monstrous plausibility.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.55 Open University. Education for Adults. Ends 7.20.

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

1.15 Dietrich Double Bill: Seven Sinners.* Marlene Dietrich as Bijou, a cabaret singer who causes high excitement to the men of a South Seas naval base. John Wayne is Lieutenant Bruce Whitney, who is aroused heights of passion.

2.40 Film: Destry Rides Again*. This 1939 George Marshall picture demonstrated Dietrich's talents as a comedienne – and enabled her to sing "See What the Boys in the Back Room Will Have". James Stewart plays Thomas Jefferson Destry, a mild-mannered, shy young sheriff sent to tame the lawless town of Bottle Neck. His biggest problem is Frenchy, singer at the saloon.

4.10 Windmill Bank Holiday Special. Chris Serle with a selection of golden BBC moments. Ruth Madoc says "Hi-De-Hi" and shows what the Fifties holiday camps were really like.

5.10 Film: The Barefoot Contessa. Ava Gardner as the glamorous Spanish cabaret dancer turned into a Hollywood star by fading director Harry Dawes (Humphrey Bogart). But fame, fortune and sexual frustration bring tragedy as she tires of the tinsel world. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz in 1954.

7.15 Tales from Hoffoong. Birds, Bees and Storks (r).

7.20 Proms 85: An American Evening. The London Sinfonietta leader Nona Liddell under the baton of one of Britain's most regarded younger conductors, Simon Rattle. George Gershwin's "Overture: Strike up the Band"; Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring"; George Ives's "Central Park in the Dark" and "Three Places in New England". 8.25 Interval. Carl Davis explores the influence of jazz on American concert music. 8.45 "The Unanswered Question" by Charles Ives; "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin played on the piano by Ronald Brautigam and "Prelude, Fugue and Riffs" by Leonard Bernstein. (Simultaneous stereo broadcast on Radio 3).

9.50 My Brother Jonathan. Third part of the Edwardian romance by Francis Brett Young, starring Daniel Day-Lewis as Dr Jonathan Dakers, Edie Martyn (Caroline Bliss), who has also been seeing Harold (Benedict Taylor), decides to go to Germany. (Ceefax).

10.40 Paths of Glory*: Fine Stanley Kubrick film about the futility of war and corruption and incompetence in the French high command during the First World War. Made in 1957, it stars Kirk Douglas and Adolphe Menjou. The trench scenes are incredibly vivid. 12.05-12.10 Weatherview.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Duel in the Sun. Spectacular Western melodrama starring Jennifer Jones as an Indian half-breed fought over by two brothers (Gregory Peck and Joseph Cotton). Dubbed "Lust in the Sun" on release, it was one of the most commercially successful Westerns. Producer David O. Selznick, who wrote the screenplay, hoped the film would do for the Western what *Gone With The Wind* did for the historical epic. Notorious and overwrought climax. Co-starring Lionel Barrymore, Lillian Gish and Walter Huston. Made in 1947 by King Vidor in Technicolor. (Oracle).

4.30 The Gong Show. The American talent show with a difference.

5.00 Alice. A funeral makes Mel rethink her life.

5.30 Everyone a Special Kind of Artist. Songs from former miners Jock Purdon and Tom McGuinness. (Oracle).

6.00 Old Country. Jack Hargreaves presents his weekly diary from Hardy country: The Exmoor pony and Duncliffe Hill.

6.30 The Munsters*. Monstrous antics with the Munster family. One-off episode.

7.00 News Summary and weather followed by A Wee Bit Cheeky. Profile of the work of Arnold Taylor, renowned for his cheeky seaside postcards featuring fat ladies, skinny men, well-endowed girls and double meanings. Taylor is a former desert rat now in his seventies but still at work. His work covers 54 years and all his original artwork is kept in cardboard boxes, piled from floor to ceiling under labels: "Fat Ladies", "Small Boys", "Jolly Policemen", "Vicars", etc. (r).

8.00 Brookside. Burying stolen property and a night under canvas.

8.30 Man About the House. South Kensington sitcom with Richard O'Sullivan, Paula Wilcox and Sally Thomsett as the comical flatmates (r).

9.00 Kellogg's City Centre Cycling from Cardiff. Final race in the series.

10.00 Watch the Woman. Magazine programme for the Eighties woman.

10.45 Berlin Alexanderplatz. A Reaper with Power From God Almighty. Franz Biberkopf returns to his old room and life in anarchic Twenties Berlin. Franz strikes up a strange friendship with Reinhold (Gottfried John), a man with a stutter and difficulties with women. (English subtitles). Part five of Rainer Fassbinder's 14-part adaptation of Alfred Doblin's novel with Gunter Lamprecht as the burly anti-hero.

11.45 France Tour Detour. Jean-Luc Godard continues children's visions of France. 12.15 Close.

Radio 4

On long wave. Also VHF stereo.

5.55am Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; 6.10 Farming week. 6.25 Prayer. 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.35 The Week Ahead. Programme preview.

8.43 The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend. 10-part abridged reading (6). The reader is Nicholas Barnes (r) 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 If You Go Down in the Woods Today. A celebration of Teddy Bears, and the story of the species' success, live from the International Teddy Bear Reunion at Longleat House. With Nigel Rees.

10.00 News; A Small Country Living. Jeanine McMullen explores rural Britain (r).

10.30 Morning Story: "Carmella" by Mark Bourne. The reader is Robert Rietty.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 1)†

11.00 News; Travel: Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits Fishguard (r) †

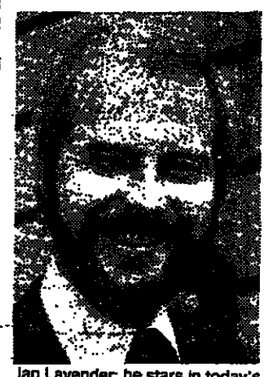
11.48 Poetry Please! Poetry requested by listeners. The readers are Patrick Romer and Diana Bishop.

12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Paul Clark.

12.27 The Man Who Was Comedy. The second of three features on the work of George S. Kaufman, the American director who also wrote plays and musicals. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.



Ian Lavender: he stars in today's Radio 4 production of the Ben Travers farce Rookery Nook (3.00 pm)

2.00 News: Woman's Hour. A visit to a museum of mechanical musical instruments. And Alexander John reads Gerald Durrell's story The Picnic.

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play 'Rookery Nook' by Ben Travers (r).†

4.30 Through My Window. John Barrett shares a view from his seaside home in Pembrokeshire.

4.40 Story Time: "The History of England" (with very few dates) written by Jane Austen at the age of 15.

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News: Financial Report.

6.30 Quote . . . Unquote. Nigel Rees chairs the panel game (r).†

7.30 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Post To Poet. Five contemporary poets look at the work of poets of the past (5). Jenny Joseph on William Wordsworth.

7.45 The Monday Play. A new production of Shakespeare's "Richard III", with Ian Holm in the title role, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth (see Choice).†

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "Love and Mr Lewisham" by H. G. Wells, abridged in 12 episodes. The reader is Paul Daneman (1). 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 Speaking Out. The confessions of a Victorian man of letters, with Michael Bryant as John Addington Symonds.

12.00-12.15am News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.30-12.10am Open University. 11.30 Mill the Reformer. 11.50 Hume and Smith on Religion.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Dvorak's overture My Homeland (Czech PO); Liszt's Concert Paraphrase on Verdi's Ernani (Arrau, piano); Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Capriccio (Omaggio a Paganini) played by Artzt, guitar); Walton's Variations on theme by Hindemith (Cleveland Orchestra).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert: (contd). Balakirev's Oriental Fantasy Islamey (USSR SO); Mussorgsky's Memories of Childhood: A Childish Prank (Kun Woo Paik, piano); Kalinnikov's Symphony No 1 (USSR SO).† 9.09 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Gershwin. Swannee (Jolson); Lullaby (Juilliard String Quartet); Blue Monday: chamber opera in one-act (Andrews / Mason / Richardson / Bogdan / Meyer); Lady be Good (Kent and Empire Orchestra), and the Astaires in songs. Mono.

10.00 Bach on Record: Casals plays the Cello Suite No 5 in C minor, BWV 1011. Mono.

10.25 Mendelssohn and Britten: Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat Op 20 (St Paul Chamber Orchestra); Britten's Four French Songs (Gomez, soprano and City of Birmingham SO).†

11.15 Shura Cherkassky: piano. Beethoven's Sonata in E flat Op 27 No 1; Brahms's Variation on theme by Paganini, Op 35.†

12.00 Leo Brouwer conducts BBC Concert Orchestra: Schubert's overture Rosamunde; Falla's El Amor Brujo (Mary King, mezzo); Brouwer's Cancion de Gesta.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Spirit of the Dance. Arnold's Four Cornish Dances (CBSO); Grainger's Shepherd's Hey (English Chamber Orchestra), and Molly on the Shore; Benjamin's Jamaica Rumba: Mattie Rag: Cookie (Martin Jones/Richard McMahon, pianos). Ernest Tomlinson's Suite of English Folk Dances (Orchestra of Light Music Society).†



Simon Rattle, who conducts tonights Prom (Radio 3, 7.30 and BBC2 7.20

1.45 Prom Talk: by Nicholas Kenyon.

2.15 Franck: Fitzwilliam String Quartet play the Quartet in D.†

3.00 New Records. Handel's Suite No 1 (Water Music), Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Dyson's Hierusalem (Hill/St Michael's Singers/RPO); Arnold's Horn Concerto No 2 (Civil/Bournemouth Sinfonietta); Canteloube's Songs of the Auvergne (Gomez/RLPO); Bax's tone poem In the Faery Hills (Ulster Orchestra).† 4.55 News.

5.00 BBC Singers at the Barbican: with David Russell (guitar) Works by Francisco Guerrero, Poulenc (Chansons Francaises), Sor, and Vaughan Williams (Five English folk songs).†

6.00 The Wanderings of Monica: Lionel Salter pursues a musical trail

6.30 Music for the Iron Voice: James Dalton (organ) in Queen's College, Oxford Bach's Orgelbuchlein. Part 3.†

7.00 Full frontal: interviews with the photographer Chris Killip

7.30 Proms 1985 London Sinfonietta, with Ronald Brautigam (piano). Rattle conducts Part one Gershwin's Strike up the Band; Copland's Appalachian Spring; Ives's Central Park in the Dark; Three Places in New England.†

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 4.00pm and 5.00) Headlines 5.30am 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30

4.00am Martin Kelner † 8.00 ColinBerry.† 8.05 Ken Bruce † 10.00 Ray Moore takes an Away-Day to the beauty spots of south east London and visits Costa del Deptford 12.00 The Grumbleweeds' Summer Special †Carl. Graham, Maurice and Robin with their guests Jimmy Cricket and Hobson and Lees. 1.2 Sports Desk 1.05 David Jacobs.† 2.00 Sport on 2 Special includes football cricket (Kent v The Australians) and Athletics (McVities Challenge). England takes on Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary at the Crystal Palace 6.00 Sarah Kennedy and at 6.30 The Mystery Voice Competition includes 7.30 Cricket Scoreboard 8.00 Digby Fairweather with jazz on record 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 So Much Blood. Thriller serial 10.30 Star Sound (stereo from Midnight) 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride † 3.00-4.00 Folk on2.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 5.30am until 1.30pm, 3.30, hourly 6.30 to 9.30 and at 12 midnight

6.00am Paul Jordan 8.00 Adrian John. 10.00 Simon Bates's Golden Hour 11.00 Radio 1 Roadshow (at the Rugby Club, St Ives) 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.35 Gary Davies 2.00 Simon and Steve at Sea with the Royal Naval Reserve aboard HMS Striker. 4.00 Maze in Concert (featuring Frankie Beverley) 5.30 Newsbeat† 5.35 Bruno Brookes. † 7.00 Janice Long (incl sessions from The Mint Juleps and View from the Hill). 10.00-12.00 John Peel †

VHF Radios 1 and 2. 4.00am With Radio 2 2.00pm With Radio 1 7.00 With Radio 2 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Development '85 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Empire of the Sun. 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Peebles Choice 10.00 News 10.01 Science in Action 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Wives of Great Composers 11.30 Album Time 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Book Quiz 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Timber 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Under Plum Lake 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Jerome Kern American Genius 3.45 Wives of Great Composers 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4 15 So You Want to Live to be 100 or Forever 7 45 Peebles Choice 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9 15 Sounds of the Seventies 9.30 Counterpoint 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11 15 So You Want to Live to be 100 or Forever 11.30 Book Quiz 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain 12 15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Sarah and Company 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Short Story 1.45 So You Want to Live to be 100 or Forever 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty Four Hours 5.45 The World Today

All times in GMT

8.25 Salesmen in Beijing, third of four readings by Arthur Miller from his book (r).

8.45 Proms (contd): Ives's The Unanswered Question; Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue: Bernstein's Prelude, Fugue and Riffs.†

8.50 Bach on Record: Casals plays the Cello Suite No 6 in D, BWV 1012. Mono.

10.00 Humphrey Searle: Cat Variations on theme from Peter and Wolf (Hacker, clarinet/Hamburger, piano); Two Practical Cats (Leeming, speaker; Clarke, flute; Smith, guitar; Vigay, cello; BBC SO) †

11.00 York Early Music Festival: Gothic Voices Ars Antiqua and Ars Nova †

11.57 News Until 12.00.

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GRAMPIAN As London except: 5.50pm Silver Spoons. 12.10 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.10pm The Commodores in Las Vegas. 12.10am Closedown.

STV As London except: 12.25pm Scottish News. 6.00 Scottish News and Scotland Today. 11.10 Crime Desk. 11.15 Late Call. 11.20 All Star Jazz. 12.20 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 5.35pm Different Strokes. 6.00 Summer Edition. 11.10 Party With The Rovers. 11.40 The New Avengers. 12.35 News At Bedtime: Closedown.

TVS As London except: 5.05pm Sons and Daughters. 11.10 Travelling Man. 12.10am Company followed by Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.10pm Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.10pm Holiday Happenings. 11.35 "Y". 12.36am Closedown

ANGLIA As London except: 5.05pm The Fabulous Funnies. 11.10 Sheena Easton Live at the Palace, Hollywood 12.20am Dear Diary. Closedown.

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BR braces itself for more disruption

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remained optimistic of a "yes" vote this weekend.

Senior union officials in the west of Scotland, the North-east, Yorkshire, the West and East Midlands and the South-west and London all made clear yesterday that they expected majorities in favour of industrial action, without venturing any guess as to percentages.

All reported a heavy turnout, confounding informal suggestions early last week by some managers that, although the vote was likely to be in favour of industrial action, there might be a low poll.

The union's executive is likely to hold an intense debate on what course to adopt when it meets after the count on Wednesday, with some prominent members pressing for selective action, possibly backed by a national overtime ban, others arguing for a complete strike.

The Central Electricity Generating Board and the National Coal Board have contingency plans for ensuring the movement of coal normally carried by British Rail.

About 600,000 tonnes of coal a week, about a quarter of the total, is shipped by road and industry estimates suggest that that amount could be doubled quickly in the event of a strike. A further 600,000 tonnes or so might have to be put into stock by the coal board.

Road haulage capacity is sufficient to handle such a volume, but much would depend on how National Union of Mineworkers members on pit surfaces react to orders to load lorries.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, NUR general secretary, is expected to meet Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, and other miners' leaders in Blackpool next week to discuss support. South Wales area NUM leaders have made clear that they intend to support the railwaymen.

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the coal board, is expected to take a tough line and to suspend miners who refuse to obey instructions to load lorries. The coal board believes that it has learnt valuable lessons from the miners' strike in shifting abnormal volumes of coal by road.

Lloyd's HQ gets mixed reception

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

Controversy stalks Mr Richard Rogers, this year's Royal Gold Medallist for Architecture.

With his £157 million new headquarters for Lloyd's of London in the City nearing completion (it will be opened officially next May), his latest project is proving no exception.

Mr Rogers was co-architect, with Signor Renzo Piano, of the Centre Pompidou hi-tech arts centre in Paris, often likened to a multi-coloured oil refinery. Yet it draws more visitors every day than the Eiffel Tower and Louvre combined.

His Gold Medal citation, from the Royal Institute of British Architects, hailed his architecture as bringing to high technology "an element of baroque, a richness and a popular touch".

Specifically referring to the Lloyd's building, it described it as "a *tour de force* of structural ingenuity, constructional quality and a design of almost medieval richness of form".

The reaction of city workers canvassed by *The Times* last week ranged from "marvellous", "innovative" and plain "indifferent", to "hideous" and "monstrous".

Mrs Anne-Marie Salmon, a secretary and a Parisian, said it reminded her of the Pompidou Centre. "It is very impressive and very beautiful."

Mr David Pease, a Lloyd's broker who will be working in the new building, thought the design innovative, exciting and would work well.

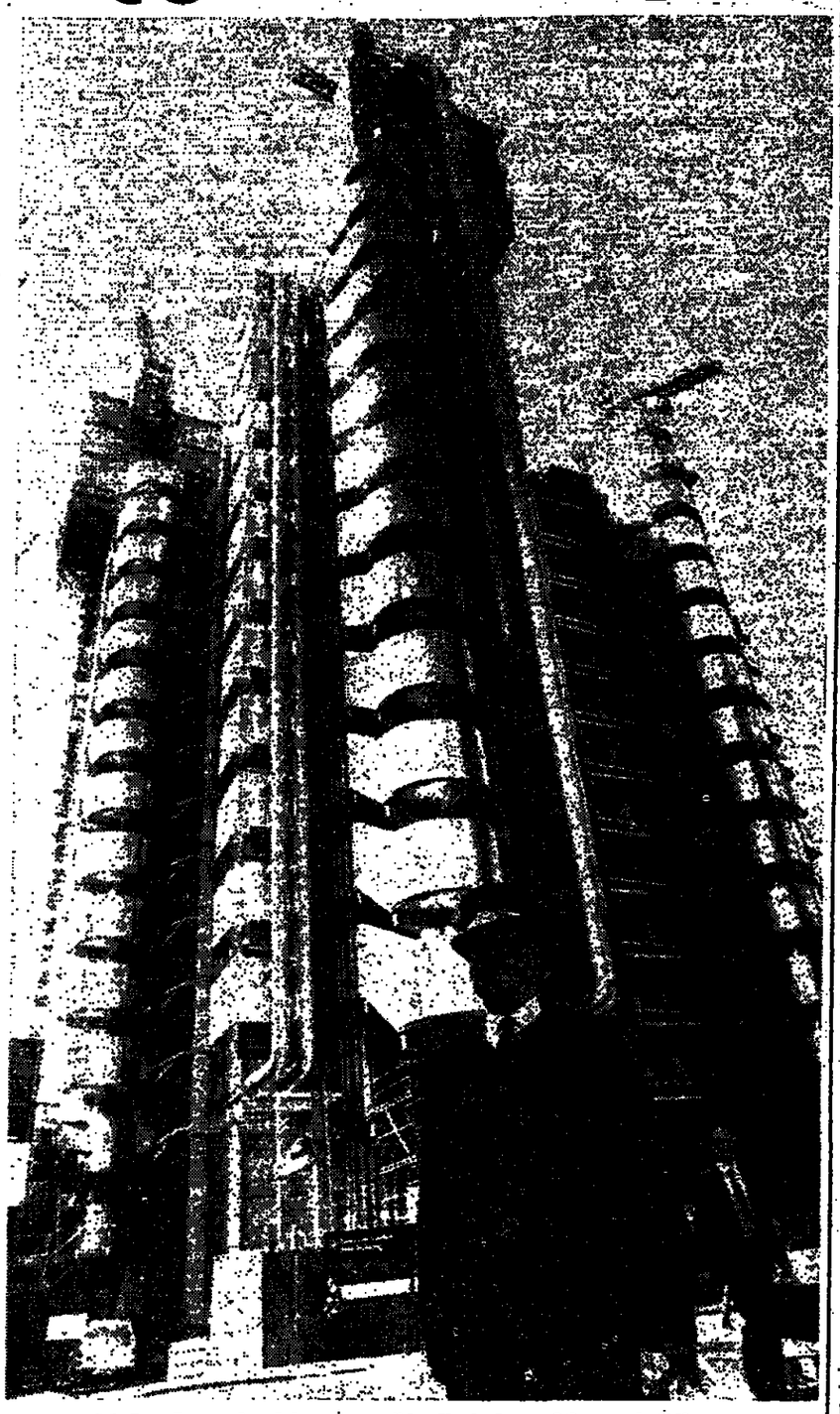
Another broker, in a rush, commented, "It looks like a space shuttle".

Mrs Iris Date, an assistant in the Treasure Chest tobacconists behind the new building, thought it was "a marvellous piece of work", but "out of context" with the surrounding buildings.

Mr Nigel Mackintosh and Mr David Newman, counter assistants at Duff and Trotter, the Leadenhall Market grocery next door, agreed it was "hideous", if rather "exciting" at the same time.

But Mr Len James, head doorman at Lloyd's, where he has been employed for 32 years, will not be moving across the road to the new headquarters. He retires next March.

His verdict: a cautious – and diplomatic – "well, its something different".



Mr Len James, head doorman at Lloyd's, in front of the new building. (Photograph: John Voos.)

It's cold, it's wet, it's bank holiday

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But the respite is likely to be brief; after a fair start, tomorrow will soon turn cloudy, with rain spreading from the west.

Severe weekend weather in the Atlantic almost claimed the life of Mr Alan Armstrong, who had to be rescued by RAF helicopter when his 30ft yacht sank 85 miles north-west of the Scillies during a single-handed crossing from Newport, Rhode Island, to Swansea, South Wales. Mr Armstrong, who was winched up from a liferaft, said his boat had been overcome by 30ft waves "as big as block of flats."

In two separate incidents, a middle-aged Essex man died when he was knocked overboard from his yacht Brycon in the Solent, and a woman was missing, presumed drowned, after falling overboard from the yacht Fluzie in the North Sea while heading for Whitby.

Another man was feared drowned while skin diving near the Manacles, off St Keverne, Cornwall. The man, aged 20 was with the Dorking Diving Club.

Twelve people had to be rescued from burning boats during powerboat racing off Cowes, Isle of Wight, during the weekend. Ten people were taken off the motor cruiser Solarium, by another yacht when it caught fire close to Calshot Spit.

In another incident two competitors in the Sir Max Aitken Cowes international offshore powerboat race were picked up when their boat Manhattan caught fire and sank of the Beaulieu estuary.

But there were brief bright periods in the wet weekend. Sunbathers on the beach at Studland, Dorset, yesterday were puzzled to see a family decorate a beach hut, erect a Christmas Tree, hand out presents and eat turkey. Mr Jason Gamer, of Birmingham, said letters and cards from relatives enjoying a beach Christmas in Australia last year had made him envious.

Packaging the jet set, page 8

Victor Zorza is on holiday in England and his column on life in an Indian village will resume next month.

Letter from San Sebastian

Basking defiantly in the Basque sun

This seaside resort, which is usually newsworthy for bombings, kidnappings and killings attributed to ETA separatists, belies the media cliché about Spain's "violence - torn" Basque region.

This summer San Sebastian's beaches have thousands of people sunning themselves. Its magnificent bay is crowded with small craft and windsurfers. It restaurants, famous for their fish, are full of holidaymakers willing to pay high prices.

It has been a long time since elegant old San Sebastian, Spain's answer to Biarritz and famous for *belle époque* charms such as the Victoria Eugenia Theatre, has celebrated a summer with such gusto.

"We are experiencing a marked recovery after years of terrorist and political troubles which were very bad for San Sebastian's reputation", Señor Ramon Labayan, the mayor and former spokesman for the Basque autonomous regional government, told me.

Compared with resorts like Benidorm, San Sebastian's summer influx on a winter population of only 175,000 is trivial, but since figures have gone up in a year generally bad for Spanish tourism, and its leading hotels are full until October, the city authorities are content. High-quality women's and men's clothes in the shops convey the same message.

Señor Labayen has worked to give the resort a badly needed facelift, spending more rate money each year to restore its amenities.

A marked Anglophile, like many Basques, he worked in Norfolk before entering politics after Franco's death. He is preparing to celebrate in three years time with Plymouth, its twin city, the 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada. A famous son of San Sebastian, Admiral Oquendo, headed the Gui Puzcoa fleet which sailed against Drake.

English performers such as the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Gabrieli Quartet figure in this year's music festival, but the "mysterious disappearance" of British holidaymakers over the past two years is a worry. Officials wonder it it part of Britain's decline.

Half the holidaymakers are Basques this year and the other half is made up of other Spaniards and foreigners. The British are trailing a long way behind Germans and Italians.

Propety values, an architect said, offer more proof of San Sebastian's gradual recovery. By the time Franco died in 1975 it had suffered a double blow – from terrorism and from the fact that Spain's old ruling families could no longer afford a three-month summer stay at their holiday homes.

These old houses, left almost abandoned by their scared owners, have recently been selling nicely as sites for blocks of flats. One can pay £240,000 for a luxury flat overlooking the bay.

Of course terrorism is still around. The death toll throughout Spain so far this year is 28, chiefly among security forces, the other night "they" blew up the broadcasting atenna of Spain's biggest commercial radio network on San Sebastian's Mount Igueldo. It was, by general admission, a blunder by the terrorists, who mistook their target, the Civil Guard's communications mast near by.

A reviving San Sebastian illustrate what now seems a groundswell change in Basque attitudes to terrorism. No longer cowed by gunmen, a majority has reacted by living as normally as possible.

"Ordinary people and holidaymakers feel safe here," another Basque said. They know ETA targets are the military, the Civil Guard and the police: it's they who are scared."

I felt sorry for two young national policeman on duty on an isolated stretch of the promemade looking out on the Bay of Biscay.

At the corner of the city's old quarter, where Basque youths before and after Franco's death regularly battled with the police amid tear gas and stones, a young girl goes by wearing a T-shirt. It reads in English "Try Livin'". San Sebastian is once again trying to do just that.

Richard Wigg

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Music

The Maltings Proms: folk finale. Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Suffolk, 7.30.

Brendan Shine in Concert, Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, N Ireland, 8.

Organ recital by Adrian Lucas, Norwich Cathedral, 11.

Organ recital by Graham Elliot, (Chelmsford Cathedral) Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, 11.15.

Organ recital by David Greenwood, Cromer Parish Church, 2.30.

Choral concert by Ex-Collegio, Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford, 8.

Organ recital by Kenneth Beard, parish church of St Mary, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, 3.30.

Organ recital by Dr Andrew Worton-Steward, Lincoln Minster, 7.

Festival of British Youth Orchestras: concert by Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra, Central Hall, Tollcross, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Talks, films and lectures

Edinburgh Festival 1985: lecture by Yves Michaud (part 1: in French), L'Institute Français d'Ecosse, 13 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh, 3.

General

National Trust Ulster Gardens scheme open days: Oul'Lammas Fair, Ballycastle, all day; Railway Preservation Society steam locomotive Bangor Belle Railtour. Depart Belfast (Central) 2 and 3.34 dep Bangor 2.45 and 4.25; Roe Valley Country Park, Limavady, 2 to 6, N Ireland.

Tong Farm open day, Headcorn, Swale, 11 to5.

Sittingbourne spectacular, Albany Road recreation ground, 1.30.

International Festival Book Fair, Adam House, Chambers St, Edinburgh, 10 to 6.30.

Steamday at Didcot railway centre, Oxford, 11 to 5.

Arundel Festival (until Sept 1).

Id al Adha (festival marking pilgrimage to Makkah), Dar-us-Salaam, 15 Stanley Avenue, Wembley, 10.

London Hash House Harriers meet Hampstead Heath, 7.

Gainsborough Model Railway Society's Gauge '0' model open, the clubrooms, Florence Terrace, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1.30 to 6.

Rides on new railway track, Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, 2.30.

Railway extravaganza, Southall Railway Centre, Middlesex, 10.30 to 6.

Steme event day, Birmingham Railway Museum, 10.5.

Steam event at Dinting Railway Centre, Glossop, Derbyshire, 10.30 to 5.

Malmsbury Carnival Week, Wiltshire (until Aug 31).

Ingleton Craft Fair, Yorkshire Dales, 10 to 5.

Craft and flower festival, All Saints' Parish Church, Chigwell Row, 11 to 7.

Antique fair, Moat House Hotel, Hereford, 10.30 to 5.

Working demonstration of tractors, Hunday National Tractor and Farm museum, Newton, Stocksfield.

Burton Cup week, Tynemouth Sailing Club, 11.

Glendale Agricultural Show, Showfiedl, Wooler, 11.

Newcastle Races, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2.15.

Music in Handel's London Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge: Tues to Sat 2 to 5; Sun 2.15 to 5 (ends Sept 2).

Hiroshima: paintgs by survivors, Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5; closed Mon; (ends Sept 29).

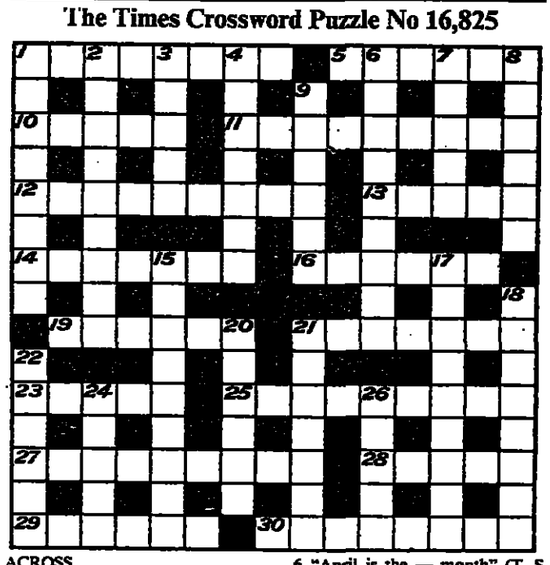
Welsh industry in art, Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum, Bute Street, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Sept 30).

Sound Sculptures by Peter Appleton, Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 8; Sun 2 to 5 (ends Aug 31).

The Birds of America by J. J. Audubon (1785-1851), Ruskin Gallery, 101 Norfolk Street, Sheffield; Mon to Fri 10 to 7.30; Sat 10 to 5; closed Sun (ends Sept 28).

Tintoretto's *Deposition of Christ*; National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 22).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,825



ACROSS

1 Dolts can go to pot in the country (8).
5 Panic, being about a hundred short (6).
10 A bloke acting as an intermediary (5).
11 Got some personal letters (9).
12 Lie about coaches showing control (9).
13 A body of seamen captured by the French in Northern Ireland (5).
14 Eat greedily and possibly go green (7).
16 Hempen coat? (6).
19 Strong liquor that adds pungency with duck (6).
21 Model of pet bird (7).
23 A decoration, it may be gathered (5).
25 Mark ingested a peculiar mixture (9).
27 Found one entry to criticize (9).
28 A serving man in drink but nimble (5).
29 Get out of bed (6).
30 A natural feeling both in the street and in the court (8).

DOWN

1 Inexperienced in the main? (3-5).
2 Supervision could be a mistake (9).
3 After a little doggy pal – a terrier perhaps (5).
4 The new Egg Line for informal wear (7).
6 "April is the — month" (T. S. Eliot) (9).
7 Up and down, round and round it goes (5).
8 Supplies expected in various quarters (6).
9 Order an elastic band (6).
15 Handing over the building worker's application (9).
17 A novel tie can give some uplift (9).
18 The pursuit of profit (8).
20 Gold trade – a very tough business (6).
21 Water flowing over back gate (7).
22 Fixed charge for Palladium featuring Archie the Entertainer (6).
24 Class accountants with those lacking heart (5).
26 General concession (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 16,824 will appear next Saturday

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

Manchester map

The AA has added to its list of city motorway system maps one for Manchester, surrounded by one of the busiest road complexes in Britain. The map, which is priced £1.50 and available from most bookshops covers a network of nine motorways – M6, M56, M61, M62, M63, M66, M67, M602 and the A627(M) on a scale of almost two-and-half miles to the inch.

'Dieback' survey

Friends of the Earth, the ecological care group, have issued a *Tree Dieback Survey*, a pack to enable people to assess the incidence of "acid rain" symptoms on beech and yew trees. The Friends have launched the survey, with backing from the World Wildlife Fund, in response to the scourge of "acid rain", and to try to determine the extent of dieback symptoms in Britain. The packs are available free from The Tree Dieback Survey, Friends of The Earth, 377 City Road, London EC1 (01-837 0731) and after completion should be returned there.

Nature notes

On the coast, most guillemots and razorbills have deserted their nesting cliffs, but some are still feeding their young on the sea near by. Some puffins are still to be seen on land, especially on the Scottish islands; their fledglings stay much longer in their nesting-burrows than the razorbill and guillemot chicks on their exposed ledges. Many waders are arriving from the north on sandy shores, mainly dunlin and ringed plover, but also small numbers of ruff and greenshank. Common gulls are coming south from Scotland.

A few brown leaves are falling from planes and elms; on poplars, the long-stalked green leaves twist and turn continuously in the wind, but are rarely blown off unless a whole branch comes down. On ash-trees, the hanging seeds or "keys" are ivory-yellow.

Canadian fleabane is common at the edge of London pavements: it is an upright plant, with flowerheads consisting of such tiny white petals that it looks as if it has run to seed when it is actually in full bloom. In the hedges, woody nightshade displays almost all the colours of the rainbow, with its purple and yellow flowers, and its bunches of green, orange and scarlet berries.

DJM

Anniversaures

Births: **Sir Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford**, "prime minister" 1721-42; Houghton Hall, Norfolk, 1676; **Joseph-Michel Mongtolfier**, ballonist, Annonay, France, 1740; **Antoine Lavoisier**, scientist, Paris, 1743; **Albert, Prince Consort**, Schloss Rosenau, Coburg, Germany, 1819; **John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir**, writer and governor general of Canada 1935-40, Perth, 1875.

Deaths: **William James**, philosopher, Chocorua, Hampshire, 1910; **Lon Chaney**, film actor, New York, 1930; **Raiph Vaughan Williams**, London, 1958.

Julius Caeser landed in Britain, 55BC.

NHS benefits

The Central Office of Information offers a reminder that those receiving supplementary benefit or family income supplement, are entitled to free National Health Service spectacles, dental treatment and prescriptions. Also, children and expectant and nursing mothers can get free milk and vitamins. Four leaflets are obtainable at Social Security Offices.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.67	1.97
Austria Sch	28.10	26.70
Belgium Fr	82.20	78.40
Canada $	1.96	1.88
Denmark Kr	14.52	13.82
Finland Mkk	8.55	8.15
France Fr	12.17	11.52
Germany DM	2.985	3.805
Greece Dr	187.00	178.00
Hong Kong $	11.25	10.75
Ireland Pt	1.283	1.223
Italy Lire	2680.00	2560.00
Japan Yen	348.00	331.00
Netherlands Gld	4.48	4.28
Norway Kr	11.85	11.30
Portugal Esc	234.00	223.00
South Africa Rd	4.00	3.40
Spain Pta	230.50	219.50
Sweden Kr	12.00	11.46
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.11
USA $	1.48	1.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	395.00	370.00

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Retail Price Index: 375.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed 4.2 up on Friday at 991.4.

closed up 0.02 per cent on Friday at 1318.32.

Roads

Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junction 4 (Bromsgrove) and junction 5 (Droitwich), Hereford and Worcs; delays at peak times. **M1:** Contraflow at junction 14 (Milton Keynes, Bucks); all traffic sharing northbound carriageway. Only northbound exit slip road open; all others closed. Use junction 13 and 15 as alternatives. **A57:** Lincoln to Worksop road reduced to one lane near Lincoln Racecourse. **A6:** Extra traffic expected over weekend near Rushden, Northants. **A46/A444:** Congestion likely throughout weekend, nr Stoneleigh, Kenilworth. Congestion expected between midday and 2pm in town centre, Ledbury, W Mercia, also on **A417** Ledbury to Gloucester road.

A38/A386/A374/A379: Extra traffic expected because of Navy Days. **A4139:** Holiday traffic and visitors to pageants at Tenby and Pembroke, Dyfed. **M4:** Contraflow E of junction 24 (The Coldra); contraflow E of junction 23, Gwent. Eastbound traffic reduced to single line through contraflow. Entry slip road eastbound at junction 24 closed from 7am till 7pm daily. Race traffic on **M4, A466.**

North: M6: Lane closures on both carriageways between junction 32 (Preston) and junction 33 (A6 to Lancaster South). **M62:** between junction 18 (M66 Bury and Manchester North) and junction 19 (Heywood and Middleton). **M63:** Northbound carriageway closed at junction 7 (A56 Chester Road), Stretford until late this evening, diversions signposted. Heavy traffic on **M6, M56, A50 and A536.**

Scotland: Roads in Edinburgh busy as Edinburgh Festival continues; avoid city centre. **M74/A74:** Roadworks in several places between Carlisle and Glasgow; worst between **M6, Carlisle and Gretna. M8:** All traffic sharing one carriageway at junction 26 (Hillington interchange to W of Glasgow).

(Information supplied by AA)

The papers

The Sun says that AIDS is fast becoming the modern equivalent of the bubonic plague. "Since those days science has made dramatic advances. So has knowledge in methods of combating one-time scourges. Smallpox, leprosy, polio and any number of diseases that were once fatal, have been all but eradicated. In the end, that certainly will happen with AIDS. But it will require the full mobilization of all our resources and research facilities. Above all, the authorities must take the people entirely into their confidence. Truth is the greatest enemy of fear and ignorance."

Bond winners

The winning numbers in this week's draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000 (19AN 613334 – the winner lives in Nottinghamshire. £50,000 (18KF 292316 – Kent). £25,000 (12RL 921944 – Oldham).

CancerLink

CancerLink, which has a network of groups in London, Oxford and West Kent, is seeking to start new groups in London and district. It is looking for volunteers whose lives have been affected by cancer, either as sufferers or through their experience of seeing "the effect of cancer on a close friend or relative. Training courses are starting in October to help volunteers develop some of the skills required in helping run a group. Two training courses are offered: an afternoon course at Mount Vernon Hospital and an evening course in central London. Contact Sheila Ritchie, CancerLink, 46 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9HF (Tel: 01-833 2451).

Weather forecast

Depression over NE Scotland will move away to Norway.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Sunny periods, scattered showers developing at first, wind NW fresh, becoming W moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Central S, NW central N England, E, W Midlands, Channel Island: Mainly dry, sunny periods, wind fresh, becoming moderate, max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

SW England, S, N Wales: Mainly dry, sunny periods becoming rather cloudy later; wind W fresh, becoming SW moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Border, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW, Mainly dry, sunny periods; wind fresh becoming SW moderate; max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

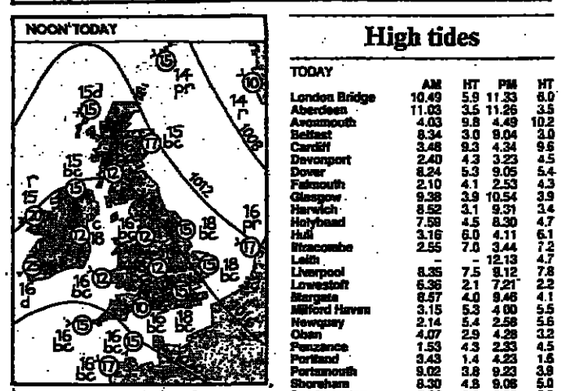
Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers dying out, wind NW fresh or strong, becoming mainly W light; max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods at first, becoming rather cloudy later, rain in evening; wind W light or moderate, becoming SW; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Rain spreading across all areas, followed by brighter spells.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea: NW fresh or strong, backing W moderate or fresh; sea mainly moderate. **Strait of Dover, English Channel (E):** Wind W, backing SW later, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind W light or moderate backing SW moderate or fresh; sea mainly slight.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 6.03 am Sun sets: 8.00 pm
Moon sets: 12.39 am Moon rises: 6.44 pm
Full Moon: August 30.

Lighting-up time

London 8.30 pm to 5.35 am
Bristol 8.40 pm to 5.45 am
Edinburgh 8.58 pm to 5.27 am
Manchester 8.43 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 8.48 pm to 5.59 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	12	54	Guernsey	f	16	59
Birmingham	c	16	61	Inverness	r	15	59
Blackpool	r	12	54	Jersey	f	16	61
Bristol	f	15	59	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	f	15	59	Manchester	r	12	54
Edinburgh	c	15	59	Newcastle	r	13	55
Glasgow	f	16	58	Ronaldsway	c	12	54

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 10.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1007.3 millibars

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 46 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.25 in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1002.0 millibars

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Margate, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Butt of Lewis 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Keswick (Cumbria) 2.44in; highest sunshine: Ventnor 9.8hr.

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High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.49	5.9	11.33	6.0
Aberdeen	11.03	3.5	11.26	3.5
Avonmouth	4.03	9.8	4.49	10.2
Belfast	8.34	3.0	9.04	3.0
Cardiff	3.48	9.3	4.34	9.6
Devonport	2.40	4.3	3.23	4.5
Dover	8.24	5.3	9.05	5.4
Falmouth	2.10	4.1	2.53	4.3
Glasgow	9.38	3.9	10.54	3.9
Harwich	8.52	3.1	9.31	3.4
Holyhead	7.59	4.5	8.30	4.7
Hull	3.16	6.0	4.11	6.1
Ilfracombe	2.55	7.0	3.44	7.2
Leith	–	–	12.13	4.7
Liverpool	8.35	7.5	9.12	7.8
Lowestoft	6.36	2.1	7.21	2.2
Margate	8.57	4.0	9.46	4.1
Milford Haven	3.15	5.3	4.00	5.5
Newquay	2.14	5.4	2.58	5.6
Oban	4.07	2.9	4.28	3.2
Penzance	1.53	4.3	2.33	4.5
Portland	3.43	1.4	4.23	1.5
Portsmouth	9.02	3.8	9.23	3.9
Shoreham	8.30	4.8	9.06	5.0
Southampton	8.36	3.9	8.58	3.9
Swansea	3.23	7.3	4.06	7.6
Tees	12.43	4.3	1.34	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	8.47	3.4	9.32	3.6

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	7.1	.17	18	61	sunny am
Bridlington	6.5	.12	18	61	sunny am
Cromer	11.3	–	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	10.6	–	19	66	sunny
Clacton	11.5	–	19	66	sunny
Margate		–	19	66	bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	11.3	.39	17	63	thunder am
Hastings					
Eastbourne	10.8	.17	18	64	sunny
Brighton	8.4	.15	16	61	sunny
Worthing	10.2	.28	17	63	sunny
Littlehmpth	8.1	.13	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	10.4	.27	18	64	sunny
Southsea	9.1	.22	18	64	sunny am
Sandown	10.0	.11	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	10.7	.19	17	63	sunny
Bournemth					
Poole	10.4	.06	19	66	sunny
Swanage	10.7	–	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	9.7	.02	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	7.7	.04	18	61	showers
Teignemouth	8.4	.09	17	63	sunny
Torquay	8.3	.05	17	63	bright
Falmouth	11.3	.03	17	63	sunny
Penzance	11.0	.06	17	63	sunny
Jersey	9.3	.21	18	64	showers am
Guernsey	9.4	–	18	64	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	11.0	.11	16	61	sunny
Newquay	5.9	.05	17	63	showers
Ilfracombe	6.8	.13	16	61	cloudy
Tenby	6.8	.04	17	63	sunny
Celwyn Bay	5.3	.11	15	59	rain
Southport	2.9	.17	14	57	showers
Morecambe	0.8	.17	14	57	showers
Douglas	1.5	.35	14	57	rain am
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	10.9	–	20	68	sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	8.1	.03	17	63	showers pm
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.9	.43	17	63	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.7	.57	16	61	showers
Anglesey	0.9	.09	15	59	showers
B'pool (Airpt)	1.2	.11	14	57	rain
Manchester	3.2	.19	14	57	showers am
Nottingham	6.4	.01	16	61	showers pm
N'cstl-o-Tyne	3.3	.02	16	61	rain am
Carlisle	1.0	.36	16	61	rain am
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	1.1	.39	14	57	rain am
Prestwick	0.8	.20	14	57	showers
Glasgow	1.5	.09	16	61	showers
Tiree	5.2	.28	15	59	showers am
Stornoway	2.6	.51	14	57	rain am
Lerwick	5.9	.02	15	61	sunny
Wick	4.2	.03	15	59	showers pm
Kinloss	1.1	.34	16	61	rain pm
Aberdeen	4.5	.29	16	61	showers pm
St. Andrews					
Edinburgh	0.4	.29	16	61	thunder pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.0	.09	14	57	rain am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F	
Ajaccio	f	34	93	Cologne	f	18	64	Majorca	f	30	86	Rome	s	28	84
Akrotiri	s	32	90	Copenhgn	s	19	66	Malaga	s	31	88	Salzburg	c	18	64
Alexandria				Corfu	s	31	88	Malta	s	30	86	Sao Paulo*	c	20	68
Algiers	s	32	90	Dublin	c	15	59	Melbourne	f	13	55	S Francisco*	s	18	64
Amsterdam	r	17	63	Dubrovnik	s	30	86	Mexico C*	f	19	66	Santiago*	b	12	54
Athens	s	32	90	Faro	s	26	79	Miami*	f	31	88	Seoul	c	28	82
Bahrain	s	37	99	Florence	s	31	88	Milan	f	28	82	Singapore	r	29	84
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	f	18	64	Montreal*	r	16	61	Stockholm	c	17	63
Barcelona	c	20	68	Funchal	c	22	72	Moscow	s	21	70	Strasbourg	c	17	63
Beirut	s	31	88	Gambia	c	13	55	Munich	r	15	59	Sydney	s	21	70
Belgrade	s	34	93	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Nairobi	c	22	72	Tangier	f	22	72
Berlin	r	18	64	Helsinki	r	17	63	Naples	s	29	84	Tel Aviv	s	31	88
Bermuda				Hong Kong	r	29	84	New Delhi	s	32	90	Tenerife	c	25	77
Biarritz	r	15	59	Innsbruck	f	18	64	New York*	f	24	75	Tokyo	s	31	88
Bordeaux	c	15	59	Istanbul	s	28	82	Nice	f	27	81	Toronto*	f	21	70
Bordeaux	f	19	66	Jeddah	c	36	97	Oslo	f	16	61	Tunis	s	35	95
Brussels	s	17	63	Jo'burg				Paris	f	17	63	Valencia	s	28	82
Budapest	s	31	88	Karachi	f	28	82	Peking	c	27	81	Vancouver*	s	20	68
Buen Aires*	s	18	64	Las Palmas	f	26	79	Perth	c	18	66	Venice	s	27	81
Cairo	s	34	93	Lisbon	s	22	72	Prague	c	17	63	Vienna	s	26	79
Cape Tn	s	18	64	Locarno	r	20	68	Reykjavik	c	11	52	Warsaw	s	30	86
Casablca	s	24	75	L Angeles*	s	24	75	Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington*	f	26	79
Chicago*	c	26	79	Luxemburg	f	15	59	Riyadh	–	c	42	108	Wellington	r	13	55
Ch'church	s	16	61	Madrid	f	29	73	Rio de Jan	s	19	66	Zurich	r	14	57

*denotes Saturday's figures are latest available